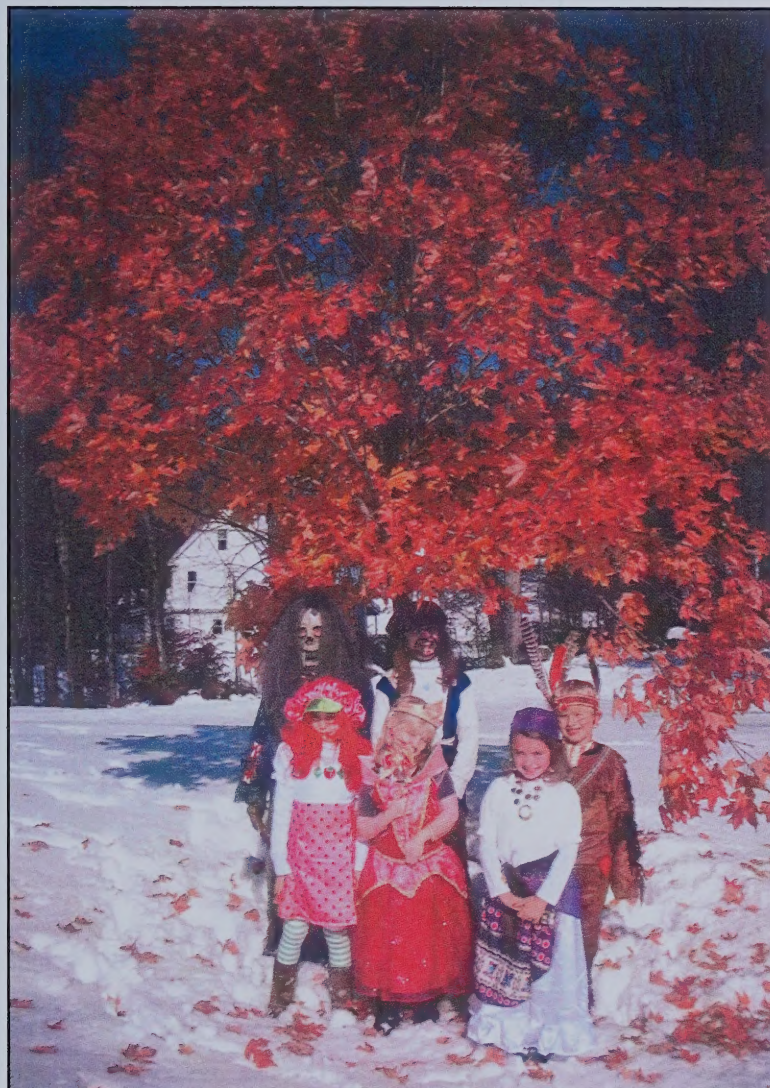


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## TOWN OFFICIALS

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for the Year Ended December 31, 2011



## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

### Term Expires

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Philip R. Germain .....	March 2012
Steven K. Osienski .....	March 2013
Joseph C. Cuddemi .....	March 2014

#### CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Jill S. Young, Chair .....	March 2012
Karen Bartlett .....	March 2012
Shelagh M. Clough .....	March 2014

#### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

David McKenzie (Alternate) .....	March 2012
Victoria Burnham .....	March 2012
Laurie MacKeigan .....	March 2013
Elisabeth A. Shingler, Chair .....	March 2014

#### MODERATOR

John J. Cronin, III .....	March 2012
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#### PLANNING BOARD

Philip Germain, Ex-Officio .....	March 2012
Jeffrey Rose, Chair .....	March 2012
David McKenzie .....	March 2012
Susan Smith, Vice Chair .....	March 2013
Sam Cohen .....	March 2014

#### SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Arthur Knight .....	March 2012
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#### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Victoria Turner, Chair .....	March 2012
Barbara E. Moorehead .....	March 2014
Druscilla Cox .....	March 2016

#### TOWN CLERK

Debra Belcher .....	March 2013
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#### TOWN TREASURER

Joyce L. Miner .....	March 2012
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#### TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Valerie Germain .....	March 2012
Julie Southard .....	March 2013
Richard Page .....	March 2014

## **WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Salvatore Landi .....	March 2012
John Spanos .....	March 2013
Glenn Wilson .....	March 2014

## **APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS**

**ADMINISTRATOR**.....Denise P. French

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**.....Peter Hopkins

**CHIEF OF POLICE**.....C. Stephen Campbell

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Director .....	C. Stephen Campbell
Assistant Director .....	Kristie J. LaPlante

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief .....	Allan D. Wilson
Assistant Fire Chief .....	Chester D. Heinzman
Deputy Fire Chief .....	Joseph J. O'Brien

**HEALTH OFFICER** .....Lise Lemieux

**DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER** .....Peter Hopkins

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** .....Peter Hopkins

**DEPUTY CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** .....Charlie Stevenson

**HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR**.....Debra Davidson

**ROAD AGENT**.....Gary Russell

**TAX COLLECTOR** .....Kristie J. LaPlante

## **APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

	<u><b>Term Expires</b></u>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>	
Melissa Clark.....	2012
James Cleary .....	2012
Harvey Goodwin, Chair .....	2012
Richard Reed .....	2012
Debra Whitney .....	2012

### **CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE**

Joseph Cuddemi .....	2012
Philip Germain.....	2012
Harvey Goodwin, Chair .....	2012
Joseph MacGregor.....	2012



Robyn Manley .....	2012
Steven Osienski .....	2012

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

John Baybutt, Chair .....	2012
Valerie Germain .....	2012
Joshua Stewart .....	2012
Dennis McKenney .....	2013
Letitia Rice .....	2013
Joseph MacGregor .....	2014
Jon Manley .....	2014

#### **HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE**

C. Stephen Campbell .....	2012
Kristie LaPlante .....	2012
Joseph MacGregor .....	2012
Richard Reed, Chair .....	2012
Michael Roina .....	2012
Gary Russell .....	2012

#### **HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

C. Stephen Campbell .....	2012
Joseph Cuddemi .....	2012
Gary Russell .....	2012

#### **NEWHALL PARK BOARD**

David Baker .....	2012
Brian Whittemore (Alternate) .....	2012
Gretchen Hutton .....	2013
David Parker .....	2014

#### **SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

Joseph C. Cuddemi .....	2012
Benjamin Billings .....	2012
Gary Russell .....	2012

#### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Steven Osienski .....	2012
Christopher Clough, Vice Chair .....	2013
Peter Martel, Chair .....	2013
John Paradise, Alternate .....	2013
Melissa Clark, Alternate .....	2014
Sam Cohen .....	2014
Barbara Moorehead .....	2014

## ADVISORY COMMITTEES

### BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Steve Campbell  
Melissa Clark  
Philip Germain  
Chris Maple  
Peter Martel  
Bruce Nixon  
Rhea Taylor  
Debra Whitney  
Barry White  
Allan Wilson

### ENERGY COMMITTEE

Molly Eppig  
Peter Eppig  
Peter Martel  
David McKenzie



## BENNINGTON TOWN WARRANT

### The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs: You are hereby notified in accordance with SB-2, the First Session of all business other than voting by official ballot shall be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pierce School, 19 Main Street in said Town. The First Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each Warrant Article. Warrant Articles may be amended, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.
- (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.

The Second Session of the annual meeting, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot, and to vote on all Warrant Articles from the First Session on official ballot shall be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the former St. Patrick's Church, 9 Greenfield Road in said Town, to act upon the following:

(Note: The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 2:00 p.m. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.)

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB-2), as adopted by the Town of Bennington on March 12, 1996, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law?
3. Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a (attached), "Acquisition or Sale of Land, Buildings, or Both"? If adopted, these provisions shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the Town.
4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, the amounts set forth on the Budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one million five hundred nine thousand seven hundred eighty four dollars (**\$1,509,784**)? Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be one million four hundred eighty six thousand fifty six dollars (\$1,486,056), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)



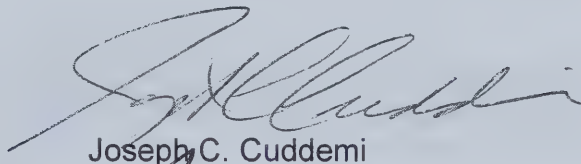
5. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one million three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,350,000) for the replacement of the shared Antrim/Bennington bridge? Of the \$1,350,000 appropriation, up to \$1,080,000 will come from State Bridge Aid, \$135,000 will come from the Town of Antrim, \$75,000 will come from the existing Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund and **\$60,000 (requested herewith) will be funded from general taxation**. This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2017 or until the project is completed whichever comes first.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred ninety six thousand dollars (\$596,000) for Phase Two of the Transportation Enhancement Project? Of the \$596,000 appropriation, \$476,800 will come from Federal funds, \$65,200 will come from the existing Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund and **\$54,000 (requested herewith) will be funded from general taxation**. This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2017 or until the project is completed whichever comes first.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (**\$30,000**) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand one hundred dollars (**\$16,100**) for the purchase of a replacement compactor for the Transfer Station?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (**\$15,000**) to be added to the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (**\$10,000**) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)



14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (**\$2,500**) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000**) in support of The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center – a nonprofit organization? The appropriation would provide \$4,000 funding for The Grapevine Family & Resource Center and \$1,000 funding for The Teen Center's programs and services.  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred eighty one dollars (**\$681**) in support of the American Red Cross – a nonprofit organization?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (**\$500**) in support of the Contoocook Valley Transportation Company – a nonprofit organization?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (**\$500**) in support of the Court Appointed Special Advocates – a nonprofit organization?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
20. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (**\$300**) in support of the Contoocook Housing Trust?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
21. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (**\$10,000**) to be added to the Fire Department Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (**\$25,000**) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
23. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (**\$25,000**) to be added to the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)



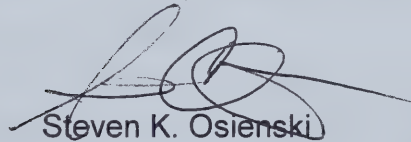
Given under our hands and seal this 25th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve.



Joseph C. Cuddemi

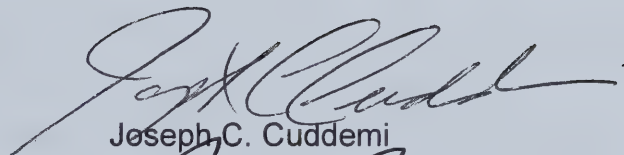


Philip R. Germain



Steven K. Osienski

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Joseph C. Cuddemi

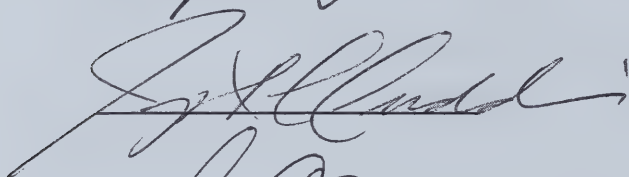
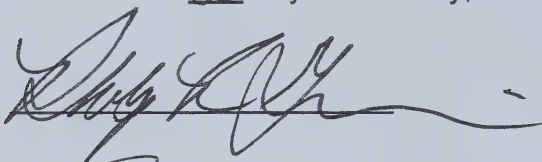


Philip R. Germain



Steven Osienski

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of the above Warrant at the Pierce School, Town Hall and with the Town Clerk on the 30 day of January, 2012.



Selectmen of Bennington





# **TITLE III TOWNS, CITIES, VILLAGE DISTRICTS, AND UNINCORPORATED PLACES**

## **CHAPTER 41 CHOICE AND DUTIES OF TOWN OFFICERS**

### **Selectmen**

#### **Section 41:14-a**

##### **41:14-a Acquisition or Sale of Land, Buildings, or Both. –**

I. If adopted in accordance with RSA 41:14-c, the selectmen shall have the authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the planning board and to the conservation commission for review and recommendation by those bodies, where a board or commission or both, exist. After the selectmen receive the recommendation of the planning board and the conservation commission, where a board or commission or both exist, they shall hold 2 public hearings at least 10 but not more than 14 days apart on the proposed acquisition or sale; provided, however, upon the written petition of 50 registered voters presented to the selectmen, prior to the selectmen's vote, according to the provisions of RSA 39:3, the proposed acquisition or sale shall be inserted as an article in the warrant for the town meeting. The selectmen's vote shall take place no sooner than 7 days nor later than 14 days after the second public hearing which is held.

II. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale of and the selectmen shall have no authority to sell:

(a) Town-owned conservation land which is managed and controlled by the conservation commission under the provisions of RSA 36-A.

(b) Any part of a town forest established under RSA 31:110 and managed under RSA 31:112.

(c) Any real estate that has been given, devised, or bequeathed to the town for charitable or community purposes except as provided in RSA 498:4-a or RSA 547:3-d.

**Source.** 1994, 197:3. 1997, 38:1. 2001, 187:2, eff. Sept. 3, 2001. 2005, 80:1, eff. Aug. 6, 2005. 2007, 221:2, eff. Aug. 24, 2007. 2008, 109:1, eff. July 27, 2008.

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN BENNINGTON

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

## IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

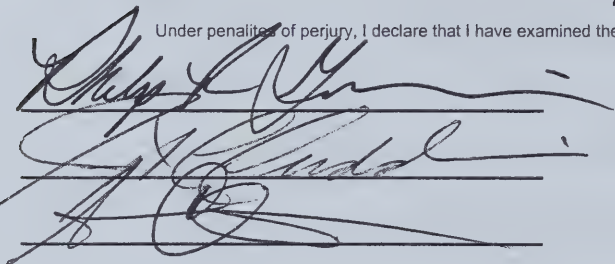
1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): January 30, 2012

### GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

*Please sign in ink.*

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.




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**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
(603)271-3397



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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>						
4130-4139	Executive		130,166	131,158	128,726	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		31,763	32,758	40,195	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		17,228	21,762	35,279	
4152	Revaluation of Property		0	0	0	
4153	Legal Expense		9,500	5,926	8,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		233,756	213,452	231,443	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		7,300	4,665	7,300	
4194	General Government Buildings		24,001	23,548	24,001	
4195	Cemeteries		7,130	6,903	7,130	
4196	Insurance		23,200	24,002	24,500	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		0	0	0	
4199	Other General Government		4,250	19,086	8,950	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>						
4210-4214	Police		218,820	230,677	223,844	
4215-4219	Ambulance		8,000	8,000	8,000	
4220-4229	Fire		76,320	62,427	75,320	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		3,500	3,374	4,249	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		2,750	2,115	2,750	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)					
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>						
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>						
4311	Administration		165,074	184,337	172,357	
4312	Highways & Streets		128,000	104,836	128,000	
4313	Bridges		0	0	0	
4316	Street Lighting		9,975	10,300	10,300	
4319	Other					
<b>SANITATION</b>						
4321	Administration		28,516	23,111	28,516	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		1,400	615	1,919	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		65,929	78,827	69,060	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		0	0	0	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		38,300	28,906	35,900	

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<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>						
4331	Administration		26,600	29,989	30,300	
4332	Water Services		23,600	24,507	29,500	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other		3,500	4,054	4,000	
<b>ELECTRIC</b>						
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
<b>HEALTH</b>						
4411	Administration		750	149	500	
4414	Pest Control		550	450	550	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5,891	5,881	5,891	
<b>WELFARE</b>						
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		10,056	13,522	11,031	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymts		750	520	750	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		4,801	2,219	5,101	
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>						
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		31,000	28,572	31,000	
4550-4559	Library		101,369	98,291	102,936	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,000	391	700	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		2,464	2,464	2,400	
<b>CONSERVATION</b>						
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		675	200	675	
4619	Other Conservation		500	750	500	
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		0	0	0	
4651-4659	Economic Development		0	0	0	
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		4,740	4,740	4,740	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		785	756	471	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		3,000	2,535	3,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					



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<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>						
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	- Sewer					
	- Water					
	- Electric					
	- Airport					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL</b>			1,456,909	1,440,775	1,509,784	

Use page 5 for special and individual warrant articles.

**\*\*SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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	Fire Truck		25,000	25,000	25,000	
	Highway Equipment		10,000	10,000	30,000	
	Rescue		10,000	10,000	0	
	Police Cruiser		15,000	15,000	15,000	
	Road Rehabilitation		15,000	15,000	15,000	
	Mower		1,000	1,000	2,500	
	Library		5,000	5,000	5,000	
	FD SCBA		10,000	10,000	10,000	
	Highway Truck		25,000	25,000	5,000	
	Water		10,000	10,000	10,000	
	Sewer		0	0	25,000	
	Bridge Replacement		4,000	4,000	0	
	Town Buildings		15,000	15,000	15,000	
	Sidewalk Construction		0	0	0	
	Property Revaluation		0	0	0	
<b>SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED</b>			145,000		157,500	

**\*\*INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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4961	Grapevine		4,000	4,000		
	Contoocook Housing Trust		300	300		
	American Red Cross		681	681	-	
	Court Apptd Special Advocates		500	500	-	
	Contoocook Valley Transportation		500	500		
4962	Bridge Grant Gross Appropriation				1,350,000	
	Transportation Enhancement Gross Appropriation				596,000	
	Contoocook Housing Trust				300	
	Contoocook Valley Transportation		-	-	500	
	Grapevine Family Center		-	-	5,000	
	American Red Cross		-	-	681	
	Court Apptd Special Advocates				500	
	Compactor Replacement				16,100	
<b>INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED</b>			5,981		1,969,081	



1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>TAXES</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		500	100	500
3180	Resident Taxes		0	0	0
3185	Timber Taxes		4,000	1,634	3,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		500	500	500
3189	Other Taxes		0	0	0
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		37,000	38,250	49,000
	Inventory Penalties		6,000	5,953	6,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		900	623	800
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		300	225	300
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		195,000	189,565	195,000
3230	Building Permits		3,000	1,616	3,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		6,000	4,680	6,000
3311-3319	<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		5,000	15,365	10,000
<b>FROM STATE</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues		0	0	0
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		67,000	65,939	66,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		46,609	45,360	40,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		0	0	0
3355	Housing & Community Development		0	0	0
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		0	0	0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		0	0	0
3359	Other - GRANTS		0	29,658	1,556,800
3379	<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>		0	0	0
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments		7,000	4,535	6,000
3409	Other Charges		0	0	0
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		30,000	17,600	10,000
3502	Interest on Investments		50	243	200
3503-3509	Other		30,000	25,134	30,000

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		0	0	0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		0	0	0
3914	From Enterprise Funds		0	0	0
	Sewer - (Offset)		36,000	34,015	35,000
	Water - (Offset)		63,000	61,835	62,000
	Electric - (Offset)		0	0	0
	Airport - (Offset)		0	0	0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		0	0	140,200
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		875	0	135,000
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds		0		
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		0	0	0
	Amount Voted From Fund Balance		0	0	0
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		0	0	0
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>			538,734	542,830	2,355,300

**\*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\***

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1,456,909	1,509,784
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	145,000	157,500
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	5,981	1,969,081
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,607,890	3,636,365
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	538,734	2,355,300
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1,069,156	1,281,065



# DEFAULT BUDGET

## TOWN OF BENNINGTON

For the Ensuing Year January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

1. Use this form to list the default budget calculation in the appropriate columns.
2. Post this form or any amended version with proposed operating budget (MS-6 or MS-7) and the warrant.
3. Per RSA 40:13, XI, (a), the default budget shall be disclosed at the first budget hearing.

### GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

or

Budget Committee if RSA 40:14-b is adopted

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
(603)230-5090

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**Default Budget - Town of Bennington, FY 2012**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
4130-4139	Executive	130,166	(1,210)	0	128,956
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	31,763	8,007	0	39,770
4150-4151	Financial Administration	17,228	15,200	0	32,428
4152	Revaluation of Property	0	0	0	0
4153	Legal Expense	9,500	0	0	9,500
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	233,756	0	0	233,756
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	7,300	0	0	7,300
4194	General Government Buildings	24,001	0	0	24,001
4195	Cemeteries	7,130	0	0	7,130
4196	Insurance	23,200	0	0	23,200
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	0	0	0	0
4199	Other General Government	4,250	2,700	0	6,950
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
4210-4214	Police	218,820	2,616	0	221,436
4215-4219	Ambulance	8,000	0	0	8,000
4220-4229	Fire	76,320	0	0	76,320
4240-4249	Building Inspection	3,500	0	0	3,500
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2,750	0	0	2,750
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)	0	0	0	0
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>					
4301-4309	Airport Operations	0	0	0	0
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>					
4311	Administration	165,074	0	0	165,074
4312	Highways & Streets	128,000	0	0	128,000
4313	Bridges	0	0	0	0
4316	Street Lighting	9,975	0	0	9,975
4319	Other	0	0	0	0
<b>SANITATION</b>					
4321	Administration	28,516	0	0	28,516
4323	Solid Waste Collection	1,400	519	0	1,919
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	65,929	1,450	0	67,379
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	0	0	0	0
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	38,300	0	0	38,300



**Default Budget - Town of Bennington, FY 2012**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>					
4331	Administration	26,600	0	0	26,600
4332	Water Services	23,600	0	0	23,600
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other	3,500	0	0	3,500
<b>ELECTRIC</b>					
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation	0	0	0	0
4353	Purchase Costs	0	0	0	0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	0	0	0	0
4359	Other Electric Costs	0	0	0	0
<b>HEALTH</b>					
4411	Administration	750	0	0	750
4414	Pest Control	550	0	0	550
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	5,891	0	0	5,891
<b>WELFARE</b>					
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	10,056	0	0	10,056
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts	750	0	0	750
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	4,801	0	0	4,801
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>					
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	31,000	0	0	31,000
4550-4559	Library	101,369	179	0	101,548
4583	Patriotic Purposes	1,000	0	0	1,000
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	2,464	0	0	2,464
<b>CONSERVATION</b>					
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	675	0	0	675
4619	Other Conservation	500	0	0	500
4631-4632	<b>REDEVELOPMENT &amp; HOUSING</b>	0	0	0	0
4651-4659	<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>					
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	4,740	0	0	4,740
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	785	(314)	0	471
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000	0	0	3,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	0	0	0	0

**Default Budget - Town of Bennington, FY 2012**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>					
4901	Land	0	0	0	0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	0	0	0	0
4903	Buildings	0	0	0	0
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	0	0	0	0
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	0	0	0	0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	0
4914	To Enterprise Fund	0	0	0	0
	Sewer-	0	0	0	0
	Water-	0	0	0	0
	Electric-	0	0	0	0
	Airport-	0	0	0	0
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds	0	0	0	0
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds	0	0	0	0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,456,909</b>	<b>29,147</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,486,056</b>

Please use the box below to explain increases or reductions in columns 4 & 5.

Acct #	Explanation for Increases	Acct #	Explanation for Reductions
4140	3 Additional Elections	4130	IT Contract Moved
4150	Contracts - Audit and Utility Appraisal	4210	IT Contract Moved
4199	Contract - Information Technology	4721	Loan Interest Declining
4210	Contracts - Personnel and Prosecutor		
4323	Contract - Household Hazardous Waste Collection		
4324	Contract - Waste Management		
4550	Contract - Library Guild		



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Municipal Services Division

PO BOX 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487 Phone (603) 230-5950

E-mail Address: equalization@rev.state.nh.us




2011

Original Date:	_____
Copy (check box if copy)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revision Date:	_____

CITY/TOWN OF BENNINGTON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information provided in this report was taken from the official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
Rev 1707.03(d)(7)

PRINT NAMES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS	SIGNATURES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS* (Sign in ink)
PHILIP R. GERMAIN	
JOSEPH C. CUDEMI	
STEVEN K. OSIENSKI	

\*Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Date Signed October 5, 2011 - Amended  
per SB 35

Check one: Governing Body ☒   
Assessors ☐

City/Town Telephone # 588-2189

Due date: September 1, 2011

Complete the above required certification by inserting the name of the city/town officials, the date on which the certificate is signed, and have the majority of the members of the board of selectmen/assessing officials sign in ink.

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon forms prescribed for that purpose.

NOTE: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions tab for individual items.

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DRA NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1ST.

Village Districts - pages 8-9 must be completed for EACH village district within the municipality.

RETURN THIS SIGNED AND COMPLETED INVENTORY FORM TO:

N.H. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
PO BOX 487  
CONCORD, NH 03302-0487

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete. (If prepared by a person other than the city/town officials, this declaration is based on all information of which the preparer has knowledge.)

Preparer: DENISE FRENCH

(Print/type)

E-Mail Address: office@townofbennington.c

FOR DRA USE ONLY

Regular office hours: MON-THURS 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

See instructions on page 10, as needed.

LAND BUILDINGS	Lines 1 A, B, C, D, E, F & G List all improved and unimproved land - include wells, septic & paving Lines 2 A, B, C, D & E List all buildings.	NUMBER OF ACRES	2011 ASSESSED VALUATION BY CITY/TOWN
<b>1 VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B and 4</b>			
A Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See page 10)		4,652.38	457,979
B Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B		0.00	0
C Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C		0.00	0
D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D		0.00	0
E Taxation of Farm Structures & Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F		0.00	0
F Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)		1,863.65	28,244,400
G Commercial/Industrial Land (Do Not include Utility Land)		160.24	2,305,200
H Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F and 1G)		6,676.27	31,007,579
I Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land		283.29	2,007,900
<b>2 VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B</b>			
A Residential			71,917,300
B Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31			1,928,600
C Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Utility Buildings)			6,702,700
D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	Number of Structures	0	0
E Taxation of Farm Structures & Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	# of Structures	0	0
F Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D and 2E)			80,548,600
G Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings			6,193,200
<b>3 UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition)</b>			
A Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamos/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.)			965,800
B Other Utilities (Total of Section B From Utility Summary)			1,873,900
<b>4 MATURE WOOD and TIMBER RSA 79:5</b>			0
<b>5 VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS</b> (Total of Lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B and 4) This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.			114,395,879
<b>6 Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a</b> (Paraplegic & Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with V.A. Assistance)		Total # granted 0	0
<b>7 Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V</b>		Total # granted 0	0
<b>8 Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a</b>		Total # granted 0	0
<b>9 School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV</b> (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 maximum for each)		Total # granted 0	0
<b>10 Water and Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a</b>		Total # granted 0	0
<b>11 MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES</b> (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value for your municipality.			114,395,879
<b>12 Blind Exemption RSA 72:37</b>		Total # granted Amount granted per exemption	1 15,000 15,000
<b>13 Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39 a &amp; b</b>		Total # granted	19 950,000
<b>14 Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b</b>		Total # granted Amount granted per exemption	0 0 0
<b>15 Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b</b>		Total # granted Amount granted per exemption	0 0 0



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16 Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # granted	0	0
17 Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	Total # granted	0	0
18 Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # granted	0	0
19 Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV	Total # granted	0	0
20 TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 12-19)			965,000
21 NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)			113,430,879
22 Less Utilities (Line 3A) Do NOT include the value of OTHER utilities listed on Line 3B.			965,800
23 NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 21 minus Line 22)			112,465,079

Additional notes (example: update, reval, changes to exemptions, mapping, increases to value, decreases to value, etc.)

**UTILITY SUMMARY: ELECTRIC, HYDROELECTRIC, RENEWABLE-MISC., NUCLEAR, GAS/PIPELINE, WATER & SEWER**

List by individual company/legal entity the valuation of operating plants employed in the production, distribution and transmission of electricity, gas pipeline, water and petroleum products. Include **ONLY** the names of the companies listed on the Instruction Sheets. (See instructions page 11)

**WHO APPRAISES AND ESTABLISHES THE UTILITY VALUE IN YOUR MUNICIPALITY?**

Commerford Neider Perkins

**DOES YOUR MUNICIPALITY USE THE DRA UTILITY VALUES?**

YES ☒ NO ☐

**IF YES, DO YOU EQUALIZE IT BY THE RATIO? (please check appropriate box, if applicable)**

YES ☐ NO ☒

**SECTION A: LIST ELECTRIC COMPANIES:**

(Attach additional sheet if needed.) (See Instruction page 11)

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PUBLIC SERVICE OF N.H.	965,800
<b>A1 TOTAL OF ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION:</b>	965,800
(See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)	

**GAS COMPANIES**

**A2 TOTAL OF ALL GAS COMPANIES LISTED:**

(See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)

0

**WATER & SEWER COMPANIES**

**A3 TOTAL OF ALL WATER & SEWER COMPANIES LISTED:**

(See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)

0

**GRAND TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL A UTILITY COMPANIES (Sum of Lines A1, A2 AND A3).**

This grand total of all sections must agree with the total listed on page 2, line 3A.

965,800

**SECTION B: LIST OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES (Exclude telephone companies):**

(Attach additional sheet if needed.)

**2011  
VALUATION**

MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC	1,873,900
<b>TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION B:</b>	1,873,900
Total must agree with total on Page 2, Line 3B.	



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TAX CREDITS	LIMITS	*NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
<b>RSA 72:28 Veterans' Tax Credit / Optional Veterans' Tax Credit</b> \$50 Standard Credit \$51 up to \$500 upon adoption by city or town	500	66	32,750
<b>RSA 72:29-a Surviving Spouse</b> "The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States..." \$700 Standard Credit \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town	700	0	0
<b>RSA 72:35 Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability</b> "Any person who has been honorably discharged from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury..." \$700 Standard Credit \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town	2,000	1	2,000
<b>TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT</b>		67	34,750

\* If both husband and/or wife qualify for the credit they count as 2.

\* If someone is living at a residence such as brother &amp; sister, and one qualifies, count as 1, not one-half.

DISABLED EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:37-b			
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	0	ASSET LIMITS: SINGLE 0
	MARRIED	0	MARRIED 0

DEAF EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:38-b			
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	0	ASSET LIMITS: SINGLE 0
	MARRIED	0	MARRIED 0

ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:39-a						
NUMBER OF FIRST TIME FILERS GRANTED ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR CURRENT YEAR		PER AGE CATEGORY	TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR & TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION GRANTED			
AGE	#	AMOUNT PER INDIVIDUAL	AGE	#	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT	TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT
65 - 74	0	25,000	65 - 74	7	175,000	175,000
75 - 79	0	50,000	75 - 79	5	250,000	250,000
80 +	0	75,000	80 +	7	525,000	525,000
			TOTAL	19		950,000
INCOME LIMITS:		SINGLE 27,500	ASSET LIMIT:		SINGLE	75,000
		MARRIED 39,500			MARRIED	75,000

COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TAX RELIEF INCENTIVE - RSA 79-E			
ADOPTED:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NUMBER ADOPTED 0

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CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A				
	TOTAL NUMBER ACRES RECEIVING CURRENT USE	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	162.20	50,117	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	1,660.20
FOREST LAND	1,271.87	164,229	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT TAX YEAR	0.50
FOREST LAND WITH DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	2,917.36	237,574		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	43.30	815		
WET LAND	257.65	5,244	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CURRENT USE	77
TOTAL (must match page 2)	4,652.38	457,979	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	146

LAND USE CHANGE TAX				
GROSS MONIES RECEIVED FOR CALENDAR YEAR (JAN. 1, 2010 THRU DEC. 31, 2010).				0
CONSERVATION ALLOCATION:	PERCENTAGE	0 %	AND/OR	DOLLAR AMOUNT
MONIES TO CONSERVATION FUND				0
MONIES TO GENERAL FUND				0

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B				
	TOTAL NUMBER ACRES RECEIVING CONSERVATION	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	0.00	0	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	0.00
FOREST LAND	0.00	0	REMOVED FROM CONSERVATION RESTRICTION DURING CURRENT YEAR	0.00
FOREST LAND WITH DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	0.00	0		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	0.00	0		
WET LAND	0.00	0	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	0
TOTAL	0.00	0	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	0

DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS - RSA 79-C			
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES IN DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS GRANTED DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS GRANTED: (i.e.: Golf Course, Ball Park, Race Track, etc.)	
0.00	0		
ASSESSED VALUATION			
0			

TAXATION OF FARM STRUCTURES & LAND UNDER FARM STRUCTURES - RSA 79-F				
TOTAL NUMBER GRANTED	TOTAL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES	ASSESSED VALUATION LAND	ASSESSED VALUATION STRUCTURES
0	0	0.00	0	0



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DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS - RSA 79-D Historic Agricultural Structures		
TOTAL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES IN DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS GRANTED: (i.e.; Barns, Silos etc.) MAP & LOT - PERCENTAGE GRANTED	
0		
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES		
0.00		
ASSESSED VALUATION		
0 L/O		
0 B/O		
TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS		
0		

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS RSA 162-K (See Tax Increment Finance Dist Tab for instructions)				
Date of Adoption/Modification				
A Original assessed value				
B + Unretained captured assessed value				
C = Amounts used on page 2 (for tax rate purposes)				
D + Retained captured assessed value (* be sure to manually add this figure when running your warrant)				
E Current assessed value				

LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAX Amounts listed below should not be included in assessed valuation column on page 2.	MUNICIPALITY	LIST SOURCE(S) OF PAYMENT In Lieu of Taxes
		Number of Acres
State & Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land from MS-4, acct. 3356 & 3357.	0	0.00
White Mountain National Forest, Only acct. 3186.	0	0.00
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	500	Town of Antrim
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0	
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Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0	
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Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0	
TOTALS of account 3186 (Exclude WMNF)	\$ 500	

\* RSA 362-A:6, was reinstated, effective 4/1/2006. This statute allows municipalities to enter into payment in lieu of tax agreements with small scale power facilities. However, these new PILOT agreements are also taxable under RSA 83-F.

Questions regarding these laws please consult with the DRA Utility Tax Appraiser at (603) 230-5950.

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2011 TOWN MEETING**  
**DELIBERATIVE SESSION-SESSION 1**  
**AND**  
**MARCH 8, 2011 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS-SESSION 2**

Session 1 of the 2011 Bennington Town Meeting convened on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at the Pierce School multi-purpose room in Bennington, New Hampshire. John J. Cronin III, the Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Before the opening of the meeting, Peter Eppig was called forward to introduce the newly formed Bennington Energy Committee.

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The Moderator, as mandated under Senate Bill 2, which the Town of Bennington adopted on March 12, 1996, briefly explained the procedures and rules of conduct for the deliberative session. Each warrant article will be read and discussed and any amendments proposed from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Moderator.

**All voting on the Warrant Articles, Town and School District Officials, and the Conval School District Warrant Articles will be voted on at the polls on March 8, 2011 at Saint Patrick's Church in Bennington, New Hampshire. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

To the inhabitants of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Pierce School on Wednesday, the ninth of February, next at seven o'clock in the evening, and then at Saint Patrick's Church on Tuesday, the eighth of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Note: the casting of absentee ballots will begin at 2:00 p.m. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.

1. To choose all the necessary Town Officials for the year ensuing. The March 8, 2011 election results are as follows:

Selectman (3 years)	Joseph C. Cuddemi
Treasurer (1 year)	Joyce Miner
Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	Shelagh Clough
Library Trustee (3 years)	Elisabeth A. Shingler
Water & Sewer Commissioner (3 years)	Glenn P. Wilson
Planning Board (3 years)	Sam Cohen
Planning Board (2 years)	Susan B. Smith
Trustee of Trust Fund (3 years)	Richard A. Page

When the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., the Voter Checklist contained 1110 registered voters. During Election Day 16 new voters were added to the checklist. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the Voters Checklist contained 1126 voters. A total of 334 cast their ballots in this election, which was a 29% voter turnout.



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The Deliberative Town Meeting, Session 1 was attended by 31 registered voters.

The Moderator initiated the following articles:

2. Shall the Town vote to modify the existing Sewer Capital Reserve Fund, originally established for the purpose of dredging the septic lagoon, to include Sewer Department infrastructure? (2/3 vote required)

Note: Selectman Germain spoke to the article noting that the article is to move funds from the Water Fund to the Sewer Fund. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS:                      YES- 213              NO-111  
THE ARTICLE FAILED

Note: A recount was held on March 24, 2011 changing the results from (YES-211 NO- 112) The article failed.

3. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one million four hundred fifty six thousand nine hundred nine dollars (\$1,456,909)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be one million four hundred thirty nine thousand eight hundred twenty five dollars (\$1,439,825), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to the article stating that the operating budget has been kept as low as possible. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS:                      YES-177              NO-149  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of sixty three thousand dollars (\$63,000) for the purchase of land and buildings at 172 State Route 202 (Map 7, Lot 109)?

Note: Selectman Germain spoke to the article. It was noted that the property is the location of the former Plants Alive business. The property has recently become available to the town and could be used for a town facility. The property is being offered to the town below market value and has the advantage of town water.

Sam Cohen made a motion to amend the article to clarify the location of the property. The amendment is as follows: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of sixty three thousand dollars (\$63,000) for the purchase of land and buildings at 172 State Route 202 (Map 7, Lot 109) formerly known as Plants Alive? The amendment was

seconded and all were in favor. No other amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as amended.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES-127 NO-190  
THE ARTICLE FAILED

5. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Town Building Expendable Trust Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi spoke to the article noting that this is for general maintenance and repairs to town buildings. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES- 185 NO-140  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski presented the article. Selectman Cuddemi noted that the article is for the replacement of the Highway trucks. The Town will need to replace a plow truck. Road Agent Gary Russell referred to the replacement schedule for the trucks. Selectman Germain noted that if replacement is put off, costly repairs will be needed.

Victoria Turner inquired about the replacement cost and whether the increase in price is for a different type of truck. The price is a projected increase to reflect normal price increase over ten years. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES-197 NO-131  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Germain referenced a handout to show the needed funds for the next scheduled purchase in 2018.

Road Agent Gary Russell noted that it does not look like the current backhoe will make it until 2018. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES-203 NO- 125  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi spoke to the article stating that the sum would be added to the \$24,000 balance to be used to replace the bridge in North Bennington.



Selectman Germain noted that the goal for replacement is 2012 but the cost will be shared with Antrim. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES-223 NO-106  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski brought forth the article asking Police Chief Campbell to address it. Police Chief Campbell stated that the replacement date for the cruiser is 2012. The Department tries to replace the cruiser every 4 years. This cruiser will have been in service for 5 years and has approximately 99,000 miles on it. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES- 166 NO- 163  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Germain addressed the article referring to handouts.

Road Agent Gary Russell noted that he would be finishing the drainage project on Bible Hill Road and would like to re-build part of the far end of Dodge Hill Road.

Selectman Cuddemi noted that there have been cuts in the Highway Department over the last 4 or 5 years due to the recession and that the drainage system needs to be fixed first. No amendments were introduced and the amendment was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES- 210 NO- 118  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the purchase of police protective equipment?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi introduced the article asking Police Chief Campbell to speak to it. Police Chief Campbell stated that the article was to purchase tasers for the Department. This would provide 2 tasers, 3 or 4 cartridges and training for the officers.

Selectman Cuddemi noted that this is a standard piece of equipment that would provide a no hands on method of apprehension. It was noted that as part of the training, all officers are required to be shot by the taser. No amendments were introduced and the amendment was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES- 148 NO- 181  
THE ARTICLE FAILED

12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to the article noting that the Town has been subsidizing the services. Last year there was a rate increase and the rates need to be in line with the services. No amendments were introduced and the amendment was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES- 183 NO- 145  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Germain spoke to the article noting that Mr. Liljeberg has been using his own equipment at the ball field and the Town should purchase its own mower. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES- 184 NO- 144  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Improvement Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi spoke to the article noting that this is a continuation of an ongoing project. The Town received a grant, and Phase 1 has been completed. Phase 2 has been approved with another grant and will include Francestown Road to Eaton Avenue and down Main Street to Alberto's Restaurant. The Town will pay 20% with a grant for 80%.

Jeffrey Rose inquired about Phase 1 and whether the Recovery Act had helped pay for the project. The Town paid for some of the design cost and the ARAA covered the construction cost. The left over balance of \$65,000) will be applied to Phase 2. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES-140 NO-189  
THE ARTICLE FAILED

15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to the article noting that the revaluation is mandated by the State. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES- 140 NO- 187  
THE ARTICLE FAILED



16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Germain spoke to the article addressing safety requirements at the library.

Lisa Shingler noted that much is needed at the library. Bathroom repairs, fireproofing the ceiling, a new sump pump, shelving and upgrading the computer are just a few of the items needing to be addressed. The library would also like to purchase a portable defibrillator. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES- 201 NO-127  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred eighty one dollars (\$681) in support of the American Red Cross – a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi spoke to the article noting that this is an annual article.

Resident Sam Cohen asked how the dollar figure was obtained. It was explained that the dollar figure was requested by the American Red Cross. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES- 217 NO- 115  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in support of the Contoocook Valley Transportation Company – a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Germain spoke to the article noting that this is a program to help the elderly and disabled public. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES- 191 NO- 138  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in support of the Court Appointed Special Advocates – a nonprofit organization?

Note: Selectman Germain introduced the article. The Moderator spoke to the article noting the value of the program. Resident Jeffrey Rose asked if the townspeople use the program. Resident Kelly St. Pierre spoke highly of the program noting that her family received help with the adoption of their child through this program. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/11 RESULTS: YES- 171 NO- 156  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

20. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) in support of The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center – a nonprofit organization? The appropriation would provide \$3,000 funding for The Grapevine Family & Resource Center and \$1,000 funding for The Teen Center's programs and services.

Note: Selectman Cuddemi spoke to the article noting that this resource provides family services to the town. Approximately 30% of the services provided by The Grapevine go to Bennington residents. Peter Martel noted that over 300 residents from Bennington were served. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/2011 RESULTS: YES- 205      NO- 122  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

21. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) in support of the Contoocook Housing Trust?

Note: Selectman Osienski spoke to the article noting that the town currently has two buildings owned by the Contoocook Housing Trust which provide affordable, temporary housing. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/2011 RESULTS: YES- 181      NO-148  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Germain spoke to the article referring to handouts noting that a replacement was purchased last year. The next replacement is due to be purchased in 20 years. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/2011 RESULTS YES- 187      NO- 141  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

23. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire Department Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi introduced the article. Fire Chief Wilson spoke to the article stating that the Fire Department applied for a grant last year that would pay for 7 breathing apparatus units. The Town will need to match 5% of the funds (\$2,000). Fire Chief Wilson noted that this Capital Reserve Fund would be strictly for SCBA's. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/2011 RESULTS YES- 209      NO- 118  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

24. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Osienski introduced the article. Fire Chief Wilson spoke to the article noting that this is an annual Capital Reserve Fund. The tanker is due for replacement in

2018 at an estimated cost of \$200,000. There is currently a balance of \$107,000 in the fund. NO amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/8/2011 RESULTS YES- 187 NO- 141  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

Joseph MacGregor inquired if the town needed to submit the language of article 2 to the State for approval. It was suggested that the article should read "60%". The Administrator noted that the language would be approved.

Selectman Cuddemi inquired if the language of article 4 should also be reviewed as it was amended. The Moderator noted that more information was added to the article to clarify it.

Selectman Germain noted that the Town would put out a voter's guide to better inform the public. It was noted that there was a typically low turn-out for the Deliberative Session. Victoria Turner stated that there is a poor turn-out at many Town Meetings. The public can go to the Budget Meetings but the public is not thinking about the Town budget in the winter. She suggested that the Deliberative session be moved to March and voting be moved to April. Peter Martel noted that Peterborough has an alternative schedule that allows them to vote on Town Meeting Day. The Moderator clarified that Peterborough is not an SB2 town and the SB2 schedule is mandated by the State. Richard Reed asked if it was possible to return to the Town Meeting format as the public does not show an interest in the SB2 Session. Barry White asked how the Town would go about repealing SB2. It was explained that there would need to be a Warrant article and a 60% vote would be required. Harvey Goodwin noted that an article was presented a few years ago and it was soundly defeated. It was noted that the Town needs a forum to educate the public on the issues. Selectman Germain stated that the town is run by many volunteers and he is thankful for all of them.

The Selectmen presented Peter Eppig with a plaque to recognize his many years of service to the Planning Board.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher, Town Clerk



# REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED

(RSA 21-J:34)

Date of Meeting: March 8, 2011Town Of: BenningtonCounty: HillsboroughMailing Address: 7 School Street # 101Bennington, New Hampshire 03442Phone #: 588-2189 Fax #: 588-8005 E-Mail: office@townofbennington.com

## Certificate of Appropriations

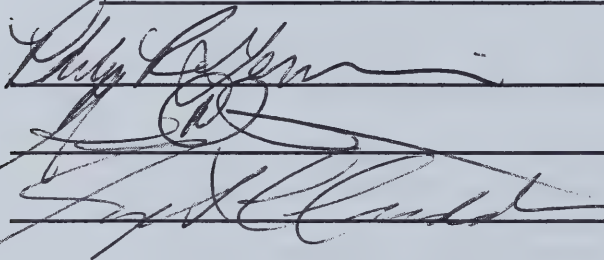
(To be Completed After each Annual and Special Meeting)

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town/city meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

## Governing Body (Selectmen)

*Please sign in ink.*

Date: April 13, 2011



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MUNICIPAL SERVICES  
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(603)271-3397

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4130-4139	Executive		130,166	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		31,763	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		17,228	
4152	Revaluation of Property		0	
4153	Legal Expense		9,500	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		233,756	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		7,300	
4194	General Government Buildings		24,001	
4195	Cemeteries		7,130	
4196	Insurance		23,200	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		0	
4199	Other General Government		4,250	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4210-4214	Police		218,820	
4215-4219	Ambulance		8,000	
4220-4229	Fire		76,320	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		3,500	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		2,750	
4299	Other (Including Communications)		0	
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4301-4309	Airport Operations		0	
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4311	Administration		165,074	
4312	Highways & Streets		128,000	
4313	Bridges		0	
4316	Street Lighting		9,975	
4319	Other		0	
<b>SANITATION</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4321	Administration		28,516	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		1,400	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		65,929	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		0	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		38,300	
<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4331	Administration		26,600	
4332	Water Services		23,600	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		3,500	
<b>ELECTRIC</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4351-4359	Electrical Operations		0	

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS		WARR.	Appropriations As	For Use By
Acct.#	(RSA 32:3,V)	ART.#	Voted	Department of Revenue Administration
<b>HEALTH</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4411	Administration		750	
4414	Pest Control		550	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	7 to 21	11,872	
<b>WELFARE</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		10,056	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		750	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		4,801	
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		31,000	
4550-4559	Library		101,369	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		2,464	
<b>CONSERVATION</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		675	
4619	Other Conservation		500	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING		0	
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		0	
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		4,740	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		785	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note		3,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		0	
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4901	Land		0	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		0	
4903	Buildings		0	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs		0	
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		0	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		0	
4914	To Proprietary Fund		0	
	Sewer-		0	
	Water-		0	
	Electric-		0	
	Airport-		0	
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund 6,7,10,13,15,16,22,23,24		140,000	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917		0	
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds		0	
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		0	
4919	To Agency Funds		0	
<b>TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS</b>			<b>1,602,890</b>	



**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION**  
**Municipal Services Division**  
**2011 Tax Rate Calculation**

**TOWN/CITY: BENNINGTON**

Gross Appropriations	1,607,890
Less: Revenues	522,449
	0
Add: Overlay (RSA 76:6)	4,262
War Service Credits	34,750

*Barbara G. Robertson*  
 11/4/11

Net Town Appropriation	1,124,453
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,124,453
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**TOWN RATE**  
**9.92**

**SCHOOL PORTION**

Net Local School Budget:	0	0	0
Gross Approp. - Revenue			
Regional School Apportionment		2,708,489	
Less: Education Grant		(1,321,749)	

Education Tax (from below)	(262,244)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,124,496

**LOCAL SCHOOL RATE**  
**9.91**

**EDUCATION TAX**

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.325	
112,792,909		262,244
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
112,465,079		

**STATE SCHOOL RATE**  
**2.33**

**COUNTY PORTION**

Due to County	118,153
	0

Approved County Tax Effort	118,153
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**COUNTY RATE**  
**1.04**

**TOTAL RATE**  
**23.20**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,629,346
Less: War Service Credits	(34,750)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>2,594,596</b>

**PROOF OF RATE**

Local Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
Education Tax (no utilities)	112,465,079	2.33	262,244
All Other Taxes	113,430,879	20.87	2,367,102
			2,629,346

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Bennington, New Hampshire

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011 included in the accompanying Form F-65 (MS-5). We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

The financial statements, Form F-65 (MS-5), are presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such differences.

*Vachon Clukay & Company PC*

February 7, 2012

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OR CITY BUDGET

Enter TOWN/CITY Name Here &gt;

Bennington

Enter Calendar Reporting Year Here &gt;

2011

(January 1 to December 31)

Enter Optional Reporting Year Here &gt;

n/a

(July 1 to June 30)

DOES THE TOWN/CITY ACCOUNT FOR SOME  
EXPENDITURES AS PROPRIETARY FUNDS OR  
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS?

Yes

Enter Yes or No in box above &amp; see instructions.

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## GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Date Signed: Feb 15 2012

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

## PREPARER

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete. (If prepared by a person other than the city/town officials, this declaration is based on all information of which the preparer has knowledge.)

Preparer (Please print or type)

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Signature

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Acct. #	EXPENDITURE	Voted Appropriations Final MS-2	Other Authorizations* Explain Below	Actual Expenditures
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL =</b> show detail below				
4130-4139	Executive	130,166		131,515
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	31,763		32,971
4150-4151	Financial Administration	17,228		24,375
4152	Property Assessment			
4153	Legal Expense	9,500		6,349
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	233,756		213,452
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	7,300		4,725
4194	General Government Buildings	24,001		30,536
4195	Cemeteries	7,130		6,903
4196	Insurance	23,200		24,002
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.			
4199	Other General Government	4,250		19,086
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL =</b> show detail below				
4210-4214	Police	218,820	2,063	239,218
4215-4219	Ambulance	8,000		8,000
4220-4229	Fire	76,320		100,967
4240-4249	Building Inspection	3,500		3,125
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2,750	1,000	2,115
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)			
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER TOTAL =</b> show detail below				
4301-4309	Airport Operations			
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS TOTAL =</b> show detail below				
4311	Administration	165,074		183,316
4312	Highways & Streets	128,000	43,323	148,217
4313	Bridges			
4316	Street Lighting	9,975		11,215
4319	Other			
<b>SANITATION TOTAL =</b> show detail below				
4321	Administration	28,516		23,104
4323	Solid Waste Collection	1,400		615
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	65,929		77,206
4325	Solid Waste Facility Clean-up			
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	38,300		29,277
Page Sub-Totals		1,234,878	46,386	1,320,289

Acct. #	Explanation for "Other Authorizations" (Column 4) (Examples: Emergency expenditure; non-lapsing appropriations; grants; agents on capital reserve or trust, transfers)
4210	\$2,063 - Unanticipated revenues per RSA 31:95b
4290	\$1,000 - Prior year encumbrances
4312	\$40,000 - Prior year encumbrances
4312	\$3,323 - Unanticipated revenues per RSA 31:95b

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1	2	3	4	5
Acct. #	EXPENDITURE	Voted Appropriations Final MS-2	Other Authorizations* Explain Below	Actual Expenditures
<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT =</b> show detail below				
4331	Administration	26,600		30,044
4332	Water Services	23,600	1,000	25,115
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other	3,500		4,054
<b>ELECTRIC =</b> show detail below				
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation			
4353	Purchase Costs			
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance			
4359	Other Electric Costs			
<b>HEALTH =</b> show detail below				
4411	Administration	750		149
4414	Pest Control	550		450
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	11,872		11,862
<b>WELFARE =</b> show detail below				
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	10,056		13,558
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymts	750		520
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	4,801		2,218
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION =</b> show detail below				
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	31,000		28,653
4550-4559	Library	101,369		97,638
4583	Patriotic Purposes	1,000		391
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	2,464		2,464
<b>CONSERVATION =</b> show detail below				
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	675		950
4619	Other Conservation	500		
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing			
4651-4659	Economic Development			
<b>DEBT SERVICE =</b> show detail below				
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	4,740		4,740
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	785		756
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000		2,535
4790-4799	Other Debt Service			
Page Sub-Totals		228,012	1,000	226,097

Acct. #	Explanation for "Other Authorizations" (Column 4) (Examples: Emergency expenditure; non-lapsing appropriations; grants; agents on capital reserve or trust, transfers)
4332	\$1,000 - Prior year encumbrances

1	2	3	4	5
Acct. #	EXPENDITURE	Voted Appropriations Final MS-2	Other Authorizations* Explain Below	Actual Expenditures
	<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b> show detail below			
4901	Land			
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment			
4903	Buildings			
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.			
	<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b> show detail below			
4912	To Special Revenue Fund			
4913	To Capital Projects Fund			
4914	To Enterprise Fund			
	- Sewer			
	- Water			
	- Electric			
	- Airport			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	130,000		130,000
4916	To Expend. Trust Fund - not #4917	15,000		15,000
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds			
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds			
4919	To Fiduciary Funds			
	Page Sub-Totals	145,000	0	145,000
	Total Local Expenditure Sub-Totals	1,607,890	47,386	1,691,386
	<b>PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>			
4931	Taxes Assessed for County	118,153		118,153
4932	Taxes Assessed for Village Dist.			
4933	Taxes Assessed for Local Educ.	1,124,496		1,124,496
4934	Taxes Assessed for State Educ.	262,244		262,244
4939	Payments to Other Governments			
	Less Proprietary Funds or Capital Project Funds			
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,112,783</b>	<b>47,386</b>	<b>3,196,279</b>

Acct. #	Explanation for "Other Authorizations" (Column 4) (Examples: Emergency expenditure; non-lapsing appropriations; grants; agents on capital reserve or trust, transfers)



## Financial Report of the Budget - Town/City of

			Bennington	
			2011	Reporting Year
			n/a	Op FY Reporting Year
1	2	3	4	
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenues Used to Set Tax Rate	Actual Revenues	
	<b>TAXES</b>			
3110	Property Taxes (commitment less overlay)	2,590,334	2,567,557	
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund	2,500	2,450	
3121	Land Use Change Taxes - Conservation Fund			
3180	Resident Taxes			
3185	Timber Taxes	600	1,637	
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	500	500	
3187	Excavation Tax (\$ .02 cents per cu yd)	700	623	
3189	Other Taxes			
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	35,000	38,250	
	Inventory Penalties	6,500	6,283	
	<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	300	225	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	195,000	189,566	
3230	Building Permits	1,500	1,615	
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	6,000	4,680	
3311-3319	From Federal Government	15,000	53,621	
	<b>FROM STATE</b>			
3351	Shared Revenues			
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	65,939	65,939	
3353	Highway Block Grant	45,360	45,360	
3354	Water Pollution Grant			
3355	Housing & Community Development			
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		2,535	
3379	From Other Governments			
	<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	5,000	121,663	
3409	Other Charges		7,402	
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	18,000	18,210	
3502	Interest on Investments	50	(243)	
3503-3509	Other	25,000	1,471	
	<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			
3912	From Special Revenue Funds			
3913	From Capital Projects Funds			
3914	From Enterprise Funds			
	Sewer - (Offset)	36,000		
	Water - (Offset)	63,000		
	Electric - (Offset)			
	Airport - (Offset)			
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds			
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds	500		
3917	Transfers from Conservation Fund			
	<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds & Notes			
Less Proprietary Funds or Capital Project Funds				
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>		3,112,783	3,129,344	

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General Fund Balance Sheet for Town/City of		Bennington	2011
		or Optional Reporting Year = n/a	
<b>A. ASSETS</b>	Acct. #	Beginning of Year	End of year
<b>Current assets</b>	(a)	(b)	(c)
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	609,013	439,100
b. Investments	1030		
c. Restricted Assets			
d. Taxes receivable	1080	241,872	205,293
e. Tax liens receivable	1110	125,780	154,940
f. Accounts receivable	1150	6,340	6,046
g. Due from other governments	1260	26,280	44,091
h. Due from other funds	1310	10,761	25,994
i. Other current assets	1400		
j. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		1,020,046	875,464
<b>B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	Acct. #	Beginning of Year	End of year
<b>Current liabilities</b>	(a)	(b)	(c)
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	48,183	33,331
b. Compensated absences payable	2030		
c. Contracts payable	2050	11,028	
d. Due to other governments	2070	353	474
e. Due to school districts	2075	661,941	610,024
f. Due to other funds	2080	800	400
g. Deferred revenue	2220	2,942	3,371
h. Notes payable - Current	2230		
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250		
j. Other payables	2270		
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		725,247	647,600
<b>Fund equity *</b>			
a. Nonspendable Fund Balance	2440		
b. Restricted Fund Balance	2450		
c. Committed Fund Balance	2460		
d. Assigned Fund Balance	2490	42,000	
e. Unassigned Fund Balance	2530	252,799	227,864
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>		294,799	227,864
<b>3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>		1,020,046	875,464

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**AMORTIZATION OF LONG-TERM DEBT (including proprietary and capital project funds)**

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## SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

365 days ago after the last ledger entry was made we have closed the book on 2011 and hope for a better year in 2012 for those who have been struggling over the past several years of a downturn economy. The Selectmen truly consider the Town of Bennington an extension of one's own family and work hard throughout the year, each and every day and every week to keep Bennington a safe, financially stable and enjoyable place in which to live. With that as our incentive the Selectmen are more motivated than ever to tackle what the next year, 2012, has to offer.

Our first and last order of business is typically "The Budget", the driving force of our Town and what most Selectmen decisions throughout the year are based upon. The Selectmen along with the Budget Committee, Department Heads, and Administration work hard on this crucial part of Town business to "get it right". The 2012 proposed Operating Budget is conservative with only a 1.6% increase over the Default Budget and represents a full exhaustive study of our costs proposed for the upcoming year. We would like to thank these individuals for the many months of crunching numbers to bring you the best value for tax dollar spent.

The backbone of our success has always been accomplished through good fiscal management, such as securing State and Federal grants, a long-term savings program (Capital Reserve Funds), long-term planning, and accurate yearly budgeting.

Grant Funding: every year our Department Heads search for State and Federal based grant opportunities that align with the specific needs of the Town and solicit aggressively for those funds. We are fortunate for their diligence and we were awarded two grants in 2011. The first was for new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units for the Fire Department, in the amount of \$40,252. The second was for Police Traffic Safety grants in the amount of \$13,965. The Town is still waiting to hear from FEMA on the Hazard Mitigation Grant applied for in 2010 for replacement of a culvert and improvements at the end of Bible Hill Road near the North Bennington Road intersection. Throughout 2011 our Emergency Management staff has worked closely with our partners at NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management and with FEMA for final approval of this \$304,700 project. If approved, the Town could start work as early as the summer of 2012.

The fact is all of the Capital Reserve items that are put into motion are based upon three key ingredients: needs of the community, a prudent savings program to lessen the impact of large expenditures, and a long-term plan of implementation. These are done to benefit the Town for the present as well as the future. Your vote in a positive direction keeps the process streamlined and efficient.

With that said, the Selectmen would like to call your attention to the two proposed grant-based Warrant Articles for 2012 voting. Warrant Article #5 requests necessary funding for the replacement of the North Bennington Road bridge crossing into Antrim. Without this crucial funding this red-listed bridge will continue to deteriorate and eventually will be closed to all traffic. Warrant Article #6 requests necessary funding to undertake the second phase of the downtown Traffic Enhancement Project engineering and eventual construction. These two large grant projects were awarded by the State and rely solely on the Town's ability to raise and appropriate the necessary 10% State Bridge Aid match and the 20% Transportation Enhancement Program match. In total, these two grants represent State funding of \$1,556,800 and ten years of planning to meet these ultimate goals. We look to you, the voters, to make these projects happen. It would be very disheartening to forfeit these projects due to the lack of voter support. Once these projects are completed these one-time expenses are eliminated.

The final Warrant Article that we call your attention to is Warrant Article #2. This Article is geared to change the way we do our Town voting processes, from the current SB-2 format to the more



traditional Town Meeting voting format. Before the inception of the SB-2 format sixteen years ago, we all made decisions together at the yearly Town Meeting event where each Warrant Article was publically discussed and debated before the vote. This ensured that all voters were aware of the pros and cons of the subject matter to be decided. After having experienced both formats, we believe the traditional Town Meeting format is the best for the Town of Bennington. The important thing to remember is that this Warrant Article requires a 3/5 vote to pass, so please talk to as many people as possible to bring "Town Meeting" back to Bennington.

In voting this past year we did well with only four Warrant Articles that did not pass out of a total of twenty three. A much improved standing from the previous year and one trend that we hope continues to improve.

The life blood of our Town is without a doubt its human resources. Our resources come in many forms: some are volunteers, some are elected officials, others are hired employees, and yet others are appointed. These highly motivated individuals come with many skill sets and we are so fortunate to have them share and shape the Town in a positive direction. We would like to acknowledge:

New Town Employees; Deb Davidson (Welfare Director), John Giffin (Full-time Police Officer), Phil Marcellino (Part-time Police Officer), Ben Billings (Transfer Station Attendant), Dan Heffernan (Firefighter and EMT), Willow Tarr (EMT) and Michelle Roy (EMT).

New Appointments; Karen Bartlett (Cemetery Trustee), David McKenzie (Planning Board), Ben Billings (Solid Waste Committee)

Retired Employees; Don Clough (Firefighter for 30 years), Sal Landi (Firefighter), Caleb Healey (Firefighter), Marc Mosher, Jr. (Firefighter), Ross Breen (Firefighter), and Wayne Maki (Transfer Station Attendant and Solid Waste Committee).

Retired Officials; Joyce Miner (Town Treasurer for 42 years), Thomas Belcher (Cemetery Trustee), Melissa Stewart (Planning Board), Barry White (Planning Board), Robyn Manley (Library Trustee Alternate), and Chris Gladding (Budget Committee).

Deceased Employees; Former Fire Chief Charles Zabriskie, Former Police Officer George Cote, and Highway Department employee Gary Langlois. These special individuals gave to the Town for many years, in many different roles, because they believed in the Town of Bennington. Their accomplishments, energies, wisdom, and commitment to the Town will not soon be forgotten.

#### Other Town News

The Town and Police websites are alive and functioning thanks in no small part to our volunteers Ethan Aho and Margot Horn. These two individuals in concert with Deputy Administrator Kristie LaPlante helped make the difference by pushing the job to completion.

Although most people have never seen the water pump house, Dave Beck has. In fact, Dave had put together an exhaustive pro-bono engineering report of the small facility for the Water Commissioners prior to the reconstruction process. We sincerely appreciate your efforts, Dave.

If you have ever used the VFW building for a function or a meeting you have certainly met with Chris Clough. Chris is our volunteer coordinator for all activities at the VFW facility and we thank him for the help.

Robyn Manley continues to water and plant all around the downtown area. She puts the "green" in thumbs up; nice job!



And speaking of the downtown area: many thanks to the Historical Society for their continued efforts around the Town Common.

The Joint Loss Management Committee continues to make the Town of Bennington a safer place to work. The recent updates to the Safety Policy as well as maintaining updates to the buildings go a long way to keep the employees free from harm.

A new fire alarm/burglar alarm/security system was recently installed at the Town Hall. Joe O'Brien secured a 50% reduction for the materials and agreed to install the system at a significantly reduced cost. We cannot thank him enough for his time on this project.

The emergency generators that were funded through a State of NH grant program in late 2010 have been installed and are prepared for service should they be required. There is a permanent generator at Town Hall and a portable generator available for use at the Fire Station and the VFW. Our Emergency Management staff also solicited and received a \$1,400 reimbursement from FEMA for costs incurred while preparing for and monitoring Tropical Storm Irene.

The Selectmen started an Advisory Committee in 2011 to review the Town's current building infrastructure to determine if the existing use will meet the Town's needs in the years to come. Representatives on this Committee include Barry White, Bruce Nixon, Rhea Taylor, Allan Wilson, Steve Campbell, Deb Whitney and Phil Germain.

The Selectmen hired a utility appraiser to look at the actual values of utility owned properties. The projections for increased utility revenues once the assessments are completed will pay for and should exceed the appraisal costs.

The Selectmen, in conjunction with the Solid Waste Committee, have changed the Transfer Station hours of operation, starting in February 2012. The hours will remain the same on Wednesday (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) but the hours will change to 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. In addition, we are revamping our Transfer Station permit sticker process. Residents will receive a permit sticker at the time of motor vehicle registration; non-resident property owners or newcomers to Town can apply for their permit sticker at the Transfer Station.

Even though we have a great core of volunteers, elected officials, and employees we always need your help. For example, the Recreation Committee could use some individuals to help move that Committee forward and the Planning and Zoning Boards could each use alternates to serve on their respective Boards.

We look forward to the next year, the next decade and the next century, none of which comes easily without outstanding volunteers, prudent citizenry, and dedicated Town employees. In closing, our heartfelt thanks are extended to the leadership and membership on the Town's Boards, Committees and Commissions; we also thank Department Heads and Town employees for their continued service. And we owe a big "thank you" to the Bennington citizens for your constant support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Philip R. Germain, Chair  
Joseph C. Cuddemi  
Steve Osienski

### **...In Memory of Those Town Servants We Lost in 2011...**

The 2011 Town Report is dedicated to the following public servants who gave freely of themselves for the good of the community. We salute the honor of these former Town Officials who were each a part of the group of devoted people upon whom small towns are dependant.

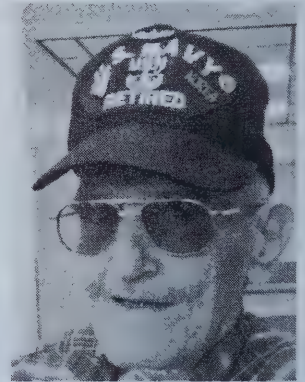


Charles E. Zabriskie, Sr.  
1929 – 2011

Charlie was well known in the local community, having worked at Monadnock Paper Mills for over forty years as a Stock Manager before his retirement and subsequently working for Edmunds' Hardware Store in Antrim. Charlie served as Fire Chief from 1965-1978. Under his leadership the present Fire Station was built entirely by volunteers and at no cost to the Town. Charlie proudly served his country in the United States Navy and was a member of the Antrim American Legion Post #50.

George F. Cote  
1930 – 2011

George was a volunteer Police Officer who provided countless hours of duty, service and support to the Bennington Police Department for a seven year period. Most notably, he led the D.A.R.E. program and was the Town's animal control officer. George was a disabled veteran, having sustained injuries when his airplane was shot down while serving in the United States Navy during the Korean War. In his personal time George enjoyed camping, playing poker and bingo, and craft projects.



Gary L. Langlois  
1968 – 2011

Gary was an employee of the Bennington Highway Department until he lost his courageous battle with cancer. Gary was an aggressive man who was always cheerfully willing to take on any task or to lend a helping hand. His craftiness can be found in the home he built for his family or in the sturdy fire escape at the Fire Station. In his personal time Gary enjoyed following his children in school sports, teaching his children to hunt, and motorcycle sightseeing road trips with his wife Roxie.

**Town Clerk's Revenue Report**  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011

Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$181,817.41
Municipal Agent Fees		\$ 5,593.00
Motor Vehicle Titles		\$ 580.00
Motor Vehicle Mail-In Program		\$ 1,503.00
UCC Lien Filings		\$ 225.00
Marriage Licenses:	Town	\$ 70.00
	State	\$ 385.00
Certified Copies:	Town	\$ 191.00
	State	\$ 481.00
Dog Licenses:	Town	\$ 1,672.50
	State	\$ 190.00
	Animal Population Control	\$ 712.00
Dog Mail-In Program		\$ 346.00
Dog License Fines		\$ 325.00
Bad Check Fees		\$ 105.00
Checklist		\$ 50.00
Misc.		\$ 72.23
Total Revenue Collected by the Town Clerk		<u>\$194,318.14</u>

I hereby certify that the above report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Debra Belcher, Town Clerk*



**TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
JANUARY 1, 2011 - DECEMBER 31, 2011**

	2011	2010
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES January 1, 2011</b>		
Property Taxes		\$243,572.69
Yield Taxes		\$10.48
<b>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR</b>		
Property Taxes	\$2,597,721.00	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	2,500.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	1,636.61	0.00
Excavation Taxes	622.88	0.00
<b>OVERPAYMENT</b>		
Property Taxes	4,812.37	4,486.49
Land Use Change Tax	2,400.00	0.00
Prepaid 2012	127.50	0.00
<b>INTEREST &amp; FEES</b>	1,206.69	17,781.97
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$2,611,027.05</b>	<b>\$265,851.63</b>
<b>REMITTED TO TREASURER 2011</b>		
Property Taxes	\$2,396,185.97	\$113,467.59
Land Use Change Taxes	2,500.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	1,623.92	10.48
Interest/Fees	622.88	17,781.97
Excavation Taxes	1,206.69	0.00
Credit Carried From 2010		111.63
Conversion to Lien (principal)		128,852.17
<b>ABATEMENTS</b>		
Property Taxes	42.00	5,627.79
Land Use Change Tax	2,400.00	0.00
Current Levy Deeded	1,152.00	0.00
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES December 31, 2011</b>		
Property Taxes	\$205,280.90	\$0.00
Yield Tax	\$12.69	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$2,611,027.05</b>	<b>\$265,851.63</b>

A list of unpaid accounts is available for public inspection,  
at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kristie J. LaPlante  
Tax Collector**

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS  
JANUARY 1, 2011 - DECEMBER 31, 2011**

		TAX LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES:				
		2010	2009	2008	2007	ELDERLY/ DISABLED TAX LIEN
Unredeemed Liens January 1, 2011			\$79,366.90	\$46,412.27	\$1,471.16	\$36,818.00
Liens Executed 2011		141,728.18				986.00
Interest & Costs Collected	Interest	1,143.11	3739.25	11,704.39	23.22	0.00
After Lien Execution	Costs	393.84	316.64	1,030.60	78.44	0.00
Refunds per RSA 08:71		0.00	0.00	6,369.32	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$143,265.13</b>	<b>\$83,422.79</b>	<b>\$65,516.58</b>	<b>\$1,572.82</b>	<b>\$37,804.00</b>
<b>REMITTANCE TO TREASURER</b>						
Redemptions		\$45,650.24	\$14,452.53	\$40,373.56	\$356.78	\$0.00
Interest & Costs		1,536.95	4,055.89	14,192.44	23.22	0.00
Abatement of Unredeemed Liens		40.00	0.00	0.00	1,114.38	0.00
Abatement of Interest & Costs		0.00	0	775.77	78.44	0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		1,339.10	1,322.26	1,329.49	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Tax Liens December 31, 2011		94,698.84	63,592.11	8,845.32	0.00	37,804.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$143,265.13</b>	<b>\$83,422.79</b>	<b>\$65,516.58</b>	<b>\$1,572.82</b>	<b>\$37,804.00</b>

A list of unpaid accounts is available for public inspection,  
at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kristie J. LaPlante  
Tax Collector**

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
WATER AND SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT  
JANUARY 1, 2011 - DECEMBER 31, 2011**

<b>Unpaid Balance January 1, 2011</b>			<b>\$4,901.82</b>
<b>Charges:</b>			
Water Usage	\$60,588.59		
Water Interest	\$231.40		
Shutoff Notice Fees	\$1,140.00		
Water Service Repairs	\$699.25		
Lien Fees	\$15.00		
Sewer Usage	\$33,992.38		
Sewer Interest	\$145.55		
Disconnect/Restore Fees	\$875.00		
Ownership Change/Admin Fees	+ \$150.00		
<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>		<b>+ \$97,837.17</b>	<b>\$102,738.99</b>
<b>2010 Credit Carried Forward</b>		<b>- \$80.06</b>	
<b>Prepaid 2012</b>			
Water	\$493.43		
Sewer	<u>\$0.00</u>	<b>+ \$493.43</b>	
<b>Conversion to Lien</b>			
Water	\$261.79		
Sewer	<u>\$365.72</u>	<b>- \$627.51</b>	
<b>Receipts to Treasurer</b>			
Water	\$64,308.87		
Sewer	<u>\$33,795.21</u>	<b>- \$98,104.08</b>	
<b>Abatements</b>			
Water	\$175.42		
Sewer	<u>\$41.03</u>	<b>- \$216.45</b>	
<b>Unpaid Water &amp; Sewer Charges December 31, 2011</b>			<b>\$4,204.32</b>

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**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kristie J. LaPlante  
Tax Collector**



## TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

### GENERAL ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2011	\$	578,825.29
Receipts			3,471,581.60
Disbursements			(3,648,070.93)
Cash Balance	12/31/2011	\$	402,335.96

### CONSERVATION FUND

Cash Balance	1/1/2011	\$	9,019.00
Interest Earned			17.26
Conservation Commission fundraiser			-
50% Land Use Change Tax 2011			-
Cash Balance	12/31/2011	\$	9,036.26

### RUSSELL J. REMILLARD - ESCROW ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2011	\$	1,341.41
Interest			1.18
Cash Balance	12/31/2011	\$	1,342.59

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joyce L. Miner*  
Treasurer

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

For Year Ended December 31, 2011

### LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR

Property Tax	\$ 2,396,185.97
Current Use Change Tax	\$ 100.00
Yield Tax	\$ 1,623.92
Excavation Tax	\$ 1,206.69
Interest/Penalties	\$ 622.88

\$ 2,399,739.46

### LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Property Tax	\$ 113,467.59
Yield Tax	\$ 10.48
Interest/Penalties	\$ 17,781.97
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 100,833.11
Tax Lien Interest/Penalties	\$ 19,808.50

\$ 251,901.65

### WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

\$ 98,104.08

### TOWN CLERK REVENUE

\$ 194,318.14

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Highway Block Grant	\$ 45,360.26
State of NH - Rooms & Meals	\$ 65,938.77
State of NH - Speed & DWI Grants	\$ 13,965.39
State of NH - Generator Grant (EMPG)	\$ 8,130.00

\$ 133,394.42

### LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

Building Permits	\$ 1,615.50
Demolition Permits	\$ 40.00
Driveway Permits	\$ 15.00
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 1,740.17
Court Fines	\$ 1,053.23
Pistol Permits	\$ 60.00
Bad Check Fees	\$ 115.00

\$ 4,638.90

### REIMBURSEMENTS

Vehicle Warranty Refund	\$ 567.23
Insurance Proceeds	\$ 14,525.00
Police Special Details	\$ 664.00
FEMA - Tropical Storm Irene	\$ 1,399.82
Property Liability Insurance Overpay	\$ 67.51
TEP/ARRA (Downtown Project)	\$ 21,527.72
NH Retirement (per HB 2)	\$ 470.50

\$ 39,221.78

# INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS

Administration	\$	110.00
Rent of Town Buildings	\$	350.00
Cemetery Lots	\$	100.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$	50.00
Highway	\$	76.57
Photocopies	\$	25.50
Planning	\$	413.20
Police	\$	155.00
Recreation	\$	275.00
Recycling	\$	22,220.46
Zoning	\$	336.40

\$ 24,112.13

## SALE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

\$ 18,000.00

## INTEREST

\$ (242.55)

## DONATIONS

Monadnock Paper Mill - Earth Day	\$	150.00
Milford Masonic Temple - Welfare Donation	\$	450.00

\$ 600.00

## REIMBURSEMENTS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

\$ 51,999.00

## TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

\$ 250,000.00

## TOTAL 2011 RECEIPTS

\$ 3,465,787.01



## STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For Year Ended December 31, 2011

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$	4,500.00	
Telephone	\$	1,781.00	
Computer	\$	12,429.00	
Copier Lease	\$	1,715.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$	992.00	
Advertising	\$	482.00	
General Supplies	\$	608.00	
Office Supplies	\$	2,847.00	
Postage	\$	3,039.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	345.00	
Administrator Salary	\$	49,688.00	
Deputy Administrator Salary	\$	38,684.00	
Admin Part-Time Salary	\$	10,979.00	
Deputy Administrator Overtime	\$	352.00	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	598.00	
Moderator's Salary	\$	20.00	
Town Report Printing	\$	1,452.00	
Newsletter Printing	\$	647.00	
Total Executive Office			\$ 131,158.00

### ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Town Clerk	\$	18,815.00	
Deputy Town Clerk	\$	4,337.00	
Assistant Town Clerk	\$	3,865.00	
Mileage/Expenses	\$	1,722.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$	20.00	
Office Supplies	\$	1,258.00	
Books & Periodicals	\$	90.00	
Municipal Agent Mail Program	\$	28.00	
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$	450.00	
Supervisors Clerical Wages	\$	325.00	
Supervisors of Checklist -Conval	\$	225.00	
Supervisors Office Supplies	\$	97.00	
Advertising	\$	192.00	
Election Ballot Clerks	\$	288.00	
Election Printing	\$	396.00	
Election Meals	\$	51.00	
Election Facility Rental	\$	600.00	
Total Election and Registration			\$ 32,759.00

### FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Auditing Services	\$	12,577.00	
Assessing/Tax Map Maintenance	\$	6,249.00	
Tax Collector Dues and Subscriptions	\$	40.00	
Tax Collector Fees	\$	1,596.00	
Treasurer's Salary	\$	750.00	
Total Financial Administration			\$ 21,212.00

# TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Auditing Services	\$	550.00	
Total Trustees of Trust Funds			\$ 550.00

# JUDICIAL & LEGAL EXPENSE

General Legal Support	\$	4,905.00	
Planning Board	\$	146.00	
ZBA	\$	875.00	
Total Judicial & Legal Expense			\$ 5,926.00

# PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Group Health Insurance	\$	117,321.00	
Group Dental Insurance	\$	3,266.00	
FICA/Medicare	\$	36,317.00	
Group 1 Retirement	\$	22,143.00	
Police Retirement	\$	22,230.00	
Unemployment Compensation	\$	500.00	
Workers Compensation	\$	11,675.00	
Total Personnel Administration			\$ 213,452.00

# PLANNING AND ZONING

PB Recording Secretary	\$	1,270.00	
PB SWRPC Member Dues	\$	1,664.00	
PB Miscellaneous	\$	506.00	
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$	795.00	
ZBA Miscellaneous	\$	430.00	
Total Planning and Zoning			\$ 4,665.00

# GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Custodial/Groundskeeping	\$	10,099.00	
Security System Maintenance	\$	3,007.00	
Electricity	\$	3,669.00	
Heat & Oil	\$	2,687.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	\$	4,085.00	
Total General Government			\$ 23,547.00

# CEMETERIES

Evergreen Cemetery Groundskeeping	\$	1,650.00	
Sunnyside Groundskeeping	\$	3,550.00	
Labor	\$	477.00	
Maintenance Supplies	\$	27.00	
Stone/Tree/Maintenance	\$	1,200.00	
Total Cemeteries			\$ 6,904.00

# PROPERTY/LIABILITY/BOND INSURANCE

NHMA-PLIT Annual Premium	\$	23,002.00	
Deductible Coverage (MV Accident)	\$	1,000.00	
Total Property/Liability/Bond Insurance			\$ 24,002.00

# CONTINGENCY FUND

General Contingency Fund	\$	18,931.00	
Abatement Interest	\$	154.00	
Total Contingency Fund			\$ 19,085.00

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Salary	\$	67,415.00	
Patrol Officer Salary	\$	20,307.00	
Overtime	\$	29,547.00	
Part-Time Officers Salary	\$	43,322.00	
Crossing Guard Salary	\$	4,502.00	
Regional Prosecutor	\$	27,051.00	
Administrative Telephone	\$	2,831.00	
Cellular Telephone	\$	180.00	
Medical Services	\$	350.00	
Dispatch Services	\$	13,693.00	
Equipment/Training Supplies	\$	4,530.00	
Administrative Office Supplies	\$	1,439.00	
Computer	\$	1,489.00	
Maintenance/Repair of Equipment	\$	77.00	
Administrative Gasoline	\$	8,414.00	
Administrative Vehicle Repairs	\$	1,256.00	
Books/Periodicals	\$	26.00	
Uniforms	\$	2,739.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	1,509.00	
Total Police Department			\$ 230,677.00
AMBULANCE SERVICE			
Antrim Ambulance	\$	8,000.00	
Total Ambulance Service			\$ 8,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Chiefs Salaries	\$	3,000.00	
Administrative Telephone	\$	543.00	
Dispatch Services	\$	14,022.00	
Dues/Subscriptions	\$	713.00	
General Supplies	\$	1,565.00	
Firefighter Emergency Calls	\$	11,020.00	
Forestry	\$	196.00	
Training	\$	2,375.00	
Fire Prevention Materials	\$	465.00	
Equipment Replacement	\$	12,039.00	
Service Contracts	\$	3,400.00	
Radio Repairs	\$	388.00	
Gasoline	\$	1,606.00	
Repair - Vehicles	\$	1,969.00	
Electricity	\$	2,621.00	
Heating Oil	\$	839.00	
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$	215.00	
Total Fire Department			\$ 56,976.00
MEDICAL/RESCUE			
Medical Supplies	\$	2,893.00	
Training	\$	2,400.00	
Equipment Replacement	\$	157.00	
Total Medical/Rescue			\$ 5,450.00



**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Building Inspector Salary	\$ 2,538.00	
Books & Education	\$ 837.00	
Total Building Inspection		\$ 3,375.00

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Pre-Emergency Wages	\$ 274.00	
Emergency Wages	\$ 1,001.00	
Mileage	\$ 40.00	
Supplies	\$ 800.00	
Total Emergency Management		\$ 2,115.00

**GENERAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Road Agent Salary	\$ 42,401.00	
Road Agent Overtime	\$ 8,757.00	
Highway Truck Driver Salary	\$ 35,570.00	
Highway Truck Driver Overtime	\$ 2,781.00	
Highway Laborer Salary	\$ 37,489.00	
Highway Laborer Overtime	\$ 1,879.00	
Drug/Alcohol Testing	\$ 498.00	
Telephone	\$ 1,471.00	
Garage Electricity	\$ 1,218.00	
Highway Garage Heat	\$ 637.00	
Barn Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 686.00	
General Supplies	\$ 1,740.00	
Street Signs	\$ 630.00	
Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 14,017.00	
Gasoline/Oil	\$ 20,825.00	
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	\$ 11,080.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,657.00	
Total General Highway Department		\$ 184,336.00

**HIGHWAYS AND STREETS**

Tar/Patch/Seal	\$ 17,477.00	
Paving	\$ 77,693.00	
Road Maintenance Supplies	\$ 1,816.00	
Road Drainage Supplies	\$ 5,099.00	
Snow/Ice Supplies	\$ 19,995.00	
Hired Plowing/Sanding	\$ 22,758.00	
Total Highways and Streets		\$ 144,838.00

**STREET LIGHTING**

PSNH	\$ 10,300.00	
Total Street Lighting		\$ 10,300.00

**TRANSFER STATION**

Attendants	\$ 20,594.00	
Laborer	\$ 2,517.00	
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$ 615.00	
Landfill Post-Closure Costs	\$ 4,165.00	
Telephone	\$ 367.00	
Hauling and Disposal	\$ 55,677.00	
Electricity	\$ 995.00	
Shed Heat	\$ 305.00	
General Supplies	\$ 564.00	

Equipment Maintenance	\$	280.00	
Certification	\$	600.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	765.00	
Recyclables Removal	\$	4,874.00	
Electronics Recycle Program	\$	1,950.00	
Container Lease	\$	1,374.00	
NRRA Annual Dues	\$	75.00	
Highway Dept. Assistance	\$	6,834.00	
Total Transfer Station			\$ 102,551.00
WATER DEPARTMENT			
Labor Wages	\$	1,568.00	
Commissioners Salaries	\$	1,400.00	
Town of Antrim	\$	25,587.00	
NE Rural Water Association Dues	\$	220.00	
Postage	\$	1,019.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	194.00	
Telephone	\$	653.00	
Electricity	\$	9,889.00	
Pumphouse Heat	\$	918.00	
Line Repairs/Maintenance	\$	12,552.00	
Water Samples	\$	495.00	
Corrosion Control	\$	4,054.00	
Total Water Department			\$ 58,549.00
SEWER DEPARTMENT			
Town of Antrim	\$	24,021.00	
Electricity	\$	4,050.00	
Propane	\$	75.00	
Monitoring Fee	\$	447.00	
Generator Maintenance	\$	312.00	
Total Sewer Department			\$ 28,905.00
HEALTH DEPARTMENT			
Health Officer Salary	\$	63.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	86.00	
Total Health Department			\$ 149.00
ANIMAL CONTROL			
Veterinary Services	\$	450.00	
Total Animal Control			\$ 450.00
HEALTH AGENCIES			
Home Health Care	\$	4,000.00	
Monadnock Family and Mental Health	\$	1,881.00	
Total Health Agencies			\$ 5,881.00
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT			
Human Services Director Salary	\$	1,584.00	
Rental Assistance	\$	11,938.00	
Meals on Wheels	\$	520.00	
Vendor Payments - Medical	\$	86.00	
Vendor Payments - Food	\$	49.00	
Vendor Payments - Electric/Heat	\$	2,019.00	
Miscellaneous	\$	65.00	

Total Welfare Department		\$ 16,261.00
PARKS AND RECREATION		
Telephone	\$ 450.00	
Fishing Derby	\$ 720.00	
Activities	\$ 103.00	
Little League	\$ 2,000.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 91.00	
Groundskeeping	\$ 13,503.00	
Electricity - Newhall Field	\$ 752.00	
Ballfield Repairs	\$ 1,687.00	
Ballfield Chemical Toilets	\$ 662.00	
Recreation Facilities	\$ 2,192.00	
Lifeguard Salary	\$ 6,198.00	
Beach Improvements	\$ 107.00	
Beach Water Sample/Analysis	\$ 80.00	
Beach /Red Cross Supplies	\$ 27.00	
Total Parks and Recreation		\$ 28,572.00
LIBRARY		
Librarian Salary	\$ 43,432.00	
Librarian Assistants Salary	\$ 22,077.00	
Book Collection	\$ 15,024.00	
Media Collection	\$ 4,586.00	
Telephone	\$ 497.00	
Building Electricity	\$ 1,843.00	
Building Heating Oil	\$ 1,219.00	
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 1,075.00	
Building Maintenance	\$ 713.00	
Photo Copier Supplies	\$ 3,995.00	
Circulation & Office	\$ 1,727.00	
Program Supplies	\$ 612.00	
Conference Fees	\$ 123.00	
Technology	\$ 1,369.00	
Total Library		\$ 98,292.00
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		
Memorial Day	\$ 391.00	
Total Patriotic Purposes		\$ 391.00
EDUCATION		
Edward E. French Scholarship	\$ 2,000.00	
Project LIFT	\$ 464.00	
Total Education		\$ 2,464.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Technical Assistance	\$ 200.00	
Maint & Develop Forests	\$ 750.00	
Total Conservation Commission		\$ 950.00
PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTE		
General Obligation Debt	\$ 4,740.00	
Total Principal - Long Term Note		\$ 4,740.00



<b>INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTE</b>		
Interest General Obligation Debt	\$ 756.00	
Total Interest - Long Term Note		\$ 756.00
<b>TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES</b>		
Interest Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 2,535.00	
Total Tax Anticipation Notes		\$ 2,535.00
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>		
Fire Truck Capital Reserve	\$ 25,000.00	
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	\$ 10,000.00	
Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve	\$ 10,000.00	
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve	\$ 15,000.00	
Road Rehab Capital Reserve	\$ 15,000.00	
Mower Capital Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Library Capital Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	
FD Breathing Apparatus	\$ 10,000.00	
Highway Truck Capital Reserve	\$ 25,000.00	
Water Capital Reserve	\$ 10,000.00	
Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve	\$ 4,000.00	
Town Buildings	\$ 15,000.00	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		\$ 145,000.00
<b>2009 WARRANT ARTICLES</b>		
TEP Appropriation	\$ 14,189.00	\$ 14,189.00
<b>2011 WARRANT ARTICLES</b>		
Grapevine Family Center	\$ 4,000.00	
Contoocook Housing Trust	\$ 300.00	
American Red Cross	\$ 681.00	
Contoocook Valley Transportation	\$ 500.00	
Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$ 500.00	
Total 2011 Warrant Articles		\$ 5,981.00
<b>SUBTOTAL - 2011 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 1,645,943.00</b>
<b>PAYMENT OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE</b>		<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>
<b>PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>		
Hillsborough County	\$ 118,153.00	
Local School Contribution	\$ 1,124,496.00	
State School Contribution	\$ 262,244.00	
Total Payments to Other Governments		\$ 1,504,893.00
<b>TOTAL 2011 EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 3,400,836.00</b>

## 2011 Payroll

### Benjamin Bartlett

FD Emergency Calls	\$ 443.95	
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\$ 443.95

### Karen Bartlett

Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 3,864.61	
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Planning Board Recording Secretary	\$ 65.00	
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\$ 3,929.61

### Debra Belcher

Town Clerk	\$ 18,814.64	
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Planning Board Recording Secretary	\$ 1,205.00	
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Part-Time Administration	\$ 69.57	
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ZBA Recording Secretary	\$ 755.00	
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Cemetery Recording Secretary	\$ 200.00	
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\$ 21,044.21

### Benjamin Billings

Highway Laborer	\$ 944.00	
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Recreation Groundskeeping	\$ 54.00	
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Transfer Station Laborer	\$ 6,546.25	
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\$ 7,544.25

### Matthew Blanchard

Highway Laborer	\$ 3,631.50	
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Transfer Station Laborer	\$ 1,039.50	
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\$ 4,671.00

### Garrett Brandes

Lifeguard	\$ 1,945.00	
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\$ 1,945.00

### Ross Breen

FD Emergency Calls	\$ 119.63	
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\$ 119.63

### Madison Brynsaas

Lifeguard	\$ 2,288.50	
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\$ 2,288.50

### Clyde Campbell

Police Chief - Regular	\$ 67,414.94	
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Overtime	\$ 29,403.14	
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Emergency Management	\$ 431.19	
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Special Detail Wages	\$ 1,185.61	
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Traffic Enforcement Grant	\$ 4,838.91	
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Health Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 3,612.48	
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\$ 106,886.27

### David Chenard

Part-Time Police Officer	\$ 13,296.80	
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\$ 13,296.80

## 2011 Payroll

<b>Donald H. Clough</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 24.48</u>	\$ 24.48
<b>Catherine Conrey</b>		
PD Office Assistance	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	\$ 60.00
<b>Drusilla Cox</b>		
Checklist Supervisor	<u>\$ 265.00</u>	\$ 265.00
Total 2011 Pay		\$ 265.00
<b>Joseph Cuddemi</b>		
Selectman	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Debra Davidson</b>		
Welfare Officer	\$ 1,634.00	
Part-Time Administration	<u>\$ 189.00</u>	\$ 1,823.00
<b>Adam Dunning</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 681.12</u>	\$ 681.12
<b>David Foster</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 664.64</u>	\$ 664.64
<b>Wyatt Fox II</b>		
Highway Laborer - Regular	\$ 150.00	
Transfer Station	<u>\$ 2,145.00</u>	\$ 2,295.00
<b>Denise French</b>		
Town Administrator	\$ 50,438.24	
ZBA Secretary	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	\$ 50,478.24
<b>Philip Germain</b>		
Selectman	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	\$ 1,500.00
<b>John Giffin</b>		
Full-Time Police Officer	\$ 16,076.40	
Part-Time Police Officer	\$ 806.00	
Special Detail Wages	<u>\$ 176.42</u>	\$ 17,058.82
<b>Matthew Hall</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,343.21</u>	\$ 1,343.21
<b>Caleb Healey</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 8.16</u>	\$ 8.16



## 2011 Payroll

### Daniel Heffernan

FD Emergency Calls	\$ 243.88	
		\$ 243.88

### Chester Heinzman

Fire Chief Salary	\$ 1,050.00	
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 1,177.71	
Emergency Management	\$ 8.25	
		\$ 2,235.96

### Michael Hoiriis

FD Emergency Calls	\$ 990.52	
		\$ 990.52

### Peter Hopkins

Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 2,575.00	
		\$ 2,575.00

### Kristin Jackson

FD Emergency Calls	\$ 361.44	
		\$ 361.44

### Walter Kiblin

Highway Driver - Regular	\$ 37,095.76	
Highway Driver - Overtime	\$ 2,780.53	
Post Closure TTLF	\$ 197.89	
Transfer Station Assistance	\$ 236.21	
Water Line Maintenance	\$ 604.20	
		\$ 40,914.59

### Joseph LaCourse

Lifeguard	\$ 119.00	
		\$ 119.00

### Salvatore Landi

FD Emergency Calls	\$ 107.21	
Emergency Management	\$ 16.00	
Water Commissioner Salary	\$ 400.00	
Water Department Wages	\$ 256.00	
Water Line Maintenance	\$ 112.54	
		\$ 891.75

### Gary Langlois

Highway Laborer - Regular	\$ 22,357.44	
Highway Laborer - Overtime	\$ 1,879.38	
Recreation Groundskeeping	\$ 70.92	
Transfer Station Assistance	\$ 70.92	
		\$ 24,378.66

### Kristie LaPlante

Deputy Administrator - Regular	\$ 39,184.02	
Deputy Administrator - Overtime	\$ 352.15	
Emergency Management	\$ 184.10	
		\$ 39,720.27

## 2011 Payroll

<b>Lise Lemieux</b>		
Health Officer	\$ 81.00	\$ 81.00
<b>Leslie MacGregor</b>		
Library Director	\$ 43,431.96	\$ 43,431.96
<b>Wayne Maki</b>		
Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 7,256.48	\$ 7,256.48
<b>Robyn Manley</b>		
Library Assistant	\$ 38.25	\$ 38.25
<b>Philip Marcellino</b>		
Part-Time Police Officer	\$ 16,655.65	\$ 16,655.65
<b>Joyce Miner</b>		
Treasurer	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
<b>Barbara Moorehead</b>		
Checklist Supervisor	\$ 265.00	\$ 265.00
<b>Marc Mosher, Jr.</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 26.81	\$ 26.81
<b>Marc Mosher, Sr.</b>		
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 650.19	\$ 650.19
<b>Taylor Nealand</b>		
Lifeguard	\$ 1,845.00	\$ 1,845.00
<b>Joseph O'Brien</b>		
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 1,050.00	
FD Emergency Calls	\$ 511.51	
Emergency Management	\$ 8.25	
General Government Bldg. Fire Alarm	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 3,819.76
<b>Nelson Ortega</b>		
Part-Time Police Officer	\$ 13,103.93	\$ 13,103.93
<b>Linda Osienski</b>		
Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 4,336.60	
Part-Time Administration	\$ 33.29	\$ 4,369.89
<b>Steven Osienski</b>		
Selectman	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

## 2011 Payroll

### John Paige

Highway Laborer	\$ 812.00
Post Closure TTLF	<u>\$ 116.00</u>

\$ 928.00

### David Parker

Recreation Groundskeeping	<u>\$ 3,600.00</u>
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\$ 3,600.00

### Scott Plourde

FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 934.82</u>
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\$ 934.82

### Michael Poitras

FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 272.75</u>
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\$ 272.75

### Jeannette Regis

Library Assistant	<u>\$ 21.25</u>
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\$ 21.25

### Lori Ricci

Part-Time Administration	<u>\$ 10,886.89</u>
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\$ 10,886.89

### Alan Rice

Full-Time Police Officer	\$ 4,230.76
Overtime	<u>\$ 144.25</u>

\$ 4,375.01

### Michael Roina

Highway Driver - Regular	\$ 15,447.02
Transfer Station Assistance	\$ 993.25
Water Line Maintenance	\$ 540.13
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,821.41</u>

\$ 18,801.81

### Gary Russell

Road Agent - Salary	\$ 44,362.51
Road Agent - Overtime	\$ 8,757.00
Post Closure TTLF	\$ 204.80
Water Line Maintenance	\$ 467.25
Transfer Station Assistance	<u>\$ 586.44</u>

\$ 54,378.00

### Melissa Searles

Library Assistant	<u>\$ 22,317.06</u>
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\$ 22,317.06

### John Spanos

Water Commissioner Salary	\$ 400.00
Water Department Wages	\$ 402.00

\$ 802.00

### Charles Stevenson

Deputy Building Inspector	<u>\$ 62.50</u>
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\$ 62.50



## 2011 Payroll

### Michael Tacy

Transfer Station Attendant	<u>\$ 13,538.00</u>	\$ 13,538.00
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### Victoria Turner

Checklist Supervisor	<u>\$ 470.00</u>	\$ 470.00
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### Allan Wilson

Fire Chief Salary	\$ 1,050.00	
Emergency Management	\$ 8.25	
FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 1,241.64</u>	
		\$ 2,299.89

### Glenn Wilson

Water Department Wages	\$ 1,891.00	
Water Commissioner Salary	\$ 600.00	
Water Line Maintenance	\$ 47.00	
Emergency Management	<u>\$ 16.00</u>	
		\$ 2,554.00

### Amy Wing

FD Emergency Calls	<u>\$ 190.25</u>	\$ 190.25
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### Dorothy Zabriskie

Crossing Guard	<u>\$ 4,601.67</u>	\$ 4,601.67
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### Total Payroll

**\$ 587,129.78**

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT**

Trustees of Trust Funds  
Town of Bennington, New Hampshire

We have compiled the financial statements of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2011 included in the accompanying Form MS-9. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and Office of Attorney General.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and Office of Attorney General and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

The Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds, Form MS-9, is presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and Office of Attorney General which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such differences.

*Vachon Clukay & Company PC*

February 8, 2012

# REPORT OF TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

\$	798,894.58
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Please insert the total of **ALL** funds here

Town/City Of: Bennington For Year Ended: 12/31/11

## CERTIFICATE

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Richard Paul Reed Perry  
Valerie Germain Valerie Germain

Signed by the Trustees of Trust Funds

on this date 2/15/12

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 Print and sign

## REMINDERS FOR TRUSTEES

- 1. SIGNATURES** - Print and sign on lines provided above.
- 2. INVESTMENT POLICY** - RSA 31:25 requires the trustees to adopt an investment policy and review and confirm this policy at least annually. A copy of this policy must be filed with the Director of Charitable Trusts (RSA 31:25, 34:5, 35:9).
- 3. PROFESSIONAL BANKING AND BROKERAGE ASSISTANCE** - RSA 31:38-a enables you to have a professional banking or brokerage firm assist you in performing your trustee duties. Refer to the law for further information. Attributable expenses may be charged against the trust fund involved, however, please be advised the fees can be taken from income only and not from principal.
- 4. WEB SITE** - A trustee handbook can be down loaded from the web site for the Attorney General's Charitable Trust Division. [www.doj.nh.gov/charitable](http://www.doj.nh.gov/charitable)
- 5. FAIR VALUE** - Fold and complete page 4 to disclose the fair value (market value) of principal only. This information may be obtained from financial publications or from your professional banker or broker.
- 6. CAPITAL RESERVE FUND** - Must be kept in a separate account and not intermingled with any other funds of the municipality (RSA 35:9).
- 7. WHEN and WHERE TO FILE** - By March 1 if filing for a calendar year and by September 1 if filing for optional fiscal year. See addresses on page 4 of this form. If you hold funds for the school, the school business administrator will also need a copy for the school's financial report.

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State of New Hampshire  
 Department of Revenue Administration  
 Municipal Services Division  
 PO Box 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487  
 (603) 230-5090

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**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE CITY/TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011**

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL				
				Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year

**Cemetery Funds:**

Various	Mt. Calvary	Perpetual Care	NHPDIP	\$ 775.00				\$ 775.00
Various	Sunnyside	Perpetual Care	TD Bank & NHPDIP	\$ 12,011.73				\$ 12,011.73
Various	Evergreen	Perpetual Care	Various	\$ 16,589.75	\$ 300.00			\$ 16,889.75
<b>Total Cemetery Funds:</b>				<b>\$ 29,376.48</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 29,676.48</b>

**Scholarship Funds:**

1994	Edward French	Scholarship	NHPDIP	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00
2010	Bruce Edes	Scholarship	NHPDIP	\$ 34,041.63				\$ 34,041.63
<b>Total Scholarship Funds:</b>				<b>\$ 35,041.63</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 35,041.63</b>

**Capital Reserves:**

1990	Fire Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 102,961.14	\$ 25,000.00			\$ 127,961.14
1993	Water Dept	Equipment	NHPDIP	\$ 54,305.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ (31,900.00)	\$ 32,405.00
1994	Library	Structure Repair	NHPDIP	\$ 39,193.26	\$ 5,000.00		\$ (2,739.45)	\$ 41,453.81
1997	Sewer	Equipment	NHPDIP	\$ 44,000.00				\$ 44,000.00
1997	Rescue Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 7,152.90	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 17,152.90
1997	Highway Dept Equip	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 59,291.81	\$ 10,000.00		\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 67,791.81
1999	Highway Dept Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 47,873.33	\$ 25,000.00			\$ 72,873.33
1999	Police Cruiser	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 6,933.87	\$ 15,000.00		\$ (7,399.00)	\$ 14,534.87
1999	Highway Dept Mower	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 5,503.33	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 9.00	\$ 6,512.33
2001	Bridge Expendable	Expendable Trust	NHPDIP	\$ 20,885.34				\$ 20,885.34
2001	Town Buildings	Expendable Trust	NHPDIP	\$ 18,797.24	\$ 15,000.00		\$ (11,200.00)	\$ 22,597.24
2001	Bridge Replacement	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 58,510.80	\$ 4,000.00		\$ (1,844.09)	\$ 60,666.71
2001	Sidewalk Repair	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 76,553.81				\$ 76,553.81
2002	Revaluation	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 2,690.00				\$ 2,690.00
2001	Fire Dept Radios	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 0.10				\$ 0.10
2009	Road Rehabilitation	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 20,598.66	\$ 15,000.00			\$ 35,598.66
2010	Fire Dept SCBA	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 20,000.00
<b>Total Capital Reserve Funds:</b>				<b>\$ 575,250.59</b>	<b>\$ 145,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (56,573.54)</b>	<b>\$ 663,677.05</b>

<b>Total Funds:</b>				<b>\$ 639,668.70</b>	<b>\$ 145,300.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (56,573.54)</b>	<b>\$ 728,395.16</b>
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See accompanying independent accountant's compilation report

# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE CITY/TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011

INCOME					PRINCIPAL ONLY			Grand Totals
Balance Beginning of Year	Amount	Expended During Year	Balance at End of Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year	Beginning of Year Fair Value	Unrealized Annual Gains/Losses	End of Year Fair Value	
\$ 294.78			\$ 294.78	\$ 1,069.78			\$ -	\$ 1,069.78
\$ 3,612.51	\$ 10.61	\$ (1.33)	\$ 3,621.79	\$ 15,633.52			\$ -	\$ 15,633.52
\$ 15,346.52	\$ 403.17	\$ 1.33	\$ 15,751.02	\$ 32,640.77	\$ 21,693.61	\$ 234.55	\$ 21,928.16	\$ 54,568.93
\$ 19,253.81	\$ 413.78	\$ -	\$ 19,667.59	\$ 49,344.07	\$ 21,693.61	\$ 234.55	\$ 21,928.16	\$ 71,272.23
\$ 506.91	\$ 0.83		\$ 507.74	\$ 1,507.74			\$ -	\$ 1,507.74
\$ 7.98	\$ 24.67		\$ 32.65	\$ 34,074.28			\$ -	\$ 34,074.28
\$ 514.89	\$ 25.50	\$ -	\$ 540.39	\$ 35,582.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,582.02
\$ 3,992.27	\$ 81.22		\$ 4,073.49	\$ 132,034.63			\$ -	\$ 132,034.63
\$ 3,476.23	\$ 27.02		\$ 3,503.25	\$ 35,908.25			\$ -	\$ 35,908.25
\$ (3,221.23)	\$ 25.70		\$ (3,195.53)	\$ 38,258.28			\$ -	\$ 38,258.28
\$ 11,037.10	\$ 39.77		\$ 11,076.87	\$ 55,076.87			\$ -	\$ 55,076.87
\$ 5,262.14	\$ 10.49		\$ 5,272.63	\$ 22,425.53			\$ -	\$ 22,425.53
\$ (14,033.92)	\$ 33.40		\$ (14,000.52)	\$ 53,791.29			\$ -	\$ 53,791.29
\$ 17,724.13	\$ 51.13		\$ 17,775.26	\$ 90,648.59			\$ -	\$ 90,648.59
\$ (3,666.78)	\$ 3.73		\$ (3,663.05)	\$ 10,871.82			\$ -	\$ 10,871.82
\$ 1,906.52	\$ 5.56		\$ 1,912.08	\$ 8,424.41			\$ -	\$ 8,424.41
\$ 3,134.18	\$ 17.36		\$ 3,151.54	\$ 24,036.88			\$ -	\$ 24,036.88
\$ (4,711.59)	\$ 9.64		\$ (4,701.95)	\$ 17,895.29			\$ -	\$ 17,895.29
\$ 12,977.60	\$ 52.23		\$ 13,029.83	\$ 73,696.54			\$ -	\$ 73,696.54
\$ (11,154.65)	\$ 47.44		\$ (11,107.21)	\$ 65,446.60			\$ -	\$ 65,446.60
\$ 5,140.54	\$ 5.69		\$ 5,146.23	\$ 7,836.23			\$ -	\$ 7,836.23
\$ -			\$ -	\$ 0.10			\$ -	\$ 0.10
\$ 64.21	\$ 17.26		\$ 81.47	\$ 35,680.13			\$ -	\$ 35,680.13
\$ 8.86	\$ 9.03		\$ 17.89	\$ 20,017.89			\$ -	\$ 20,017.89
\$ 27,935.61	\$ 436.67	\$ -	\$ 28,372.28	\$ 692,049.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 692,049.33
\$ 47,704.31	\$ 875.95	\$ -	\$ 48,580.26	\$ 776,975.42	\$ 21,693.61	\$ 234.55	\$ 21,928.16	\$ 798,903.58

See accompanying independent accountant's compilation report

## CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE

The following report reflects 2012 funds appropriated by the Funding Committee, categorized by Department for ease of use in understanding the financial impact of the Departments being funded:

### HIGHWAY DEPT FUNDS

A. Trucks	\$ 5,000	
B. Mower	\$ 2,500	
C. Bridge Repair	\$ 0	
D. Equipment	\$ 30,000	
** E. Bridge Replacement	\$ 0	<i>Warrant Article #5</i>
F. Road Improvements	\$ 15,000	
G. Bridge Maintenance	\$ <u>0</u>	
Total Highway Dept Funds		\$ 52,500

### FIRE DEPT FUNDS

A. Trucks	\$ 25,000	
B. Rescue Vehicle	\$ 0	
C. Breathing Apparatus	\$ <u>10,000</u>	
Total Fire Dept Funds		\$ 35,000

### POLICE DEPT FUND

A. Cruiser	\$ <u>15,000</u>	
Total Police Dept Fund		\$ 15,000

### UTILITY DEPT FUNDS

A. Water	\$ 10,000	
B. Sewer	\$ <u>25,000</u>	
Total Utility Dept Funds		\$ 35,000

### MUNICIPAL DEPT FUNDS

A. Revaluation	\$ 0	
B. Town Buildings	\$ 15,000	
** C. Sidewalk Improvement	\$ <u>0</u>	<i>Warrant Article #6</i>
Total Municipal Dept Funds		\$ 15,000

### LIBRARY DEPT FUND

A. Repairs & Equipment	\$ <u>5,000</u>	
Total Library Dept Fund		\$ <u>5,000</u>

2012 Funding Requested	\$ 157,500
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**\*\* Warrant Articles for Bridge Replacement and Transportation Enhancement Project\*\***



## 2011 ANALYSIS OF CRF MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS AND COMMITTEES

### Highway Department:

Since spring Quantum Construction Consultants has been undertaking an engineering study of the Antrim/Bennington Bridge with an eye towards rehabilitating the existing structure. The estimated cost for rehabilitation was \$650,000. In October 2011 the engineering study determined that the bridge abutments have been compromised and the entire structure and support of this red-listed bridge at the Antrim/Bennington town-line are in need of replacement at a projected cost of \$1,350,000. Because of the State Bridge Aid Program, NHDOT is now projecting a Bennington 10% grant match of approximately \$135,000.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted not to appropriate 2012 funds to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (CRF). We currently have \$75,000; the required balance of \$60,000 is requested in *Warrant Article #5* with funds being derived from taxation.

The Road Agent reported the need to replace the loader/backhoe which he considers to be the backbone of the Highway Department. In an effort not to increase the tax burden the Funding Committee agreed with the Road Agent's request to increase 2012 funds in the Highway Equipment CRF to \$30,000. The offset of this increased funding is a decrease in 2012 funds for the Highway Trucks CRF where the Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$5,000.

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$15,000 to the Road Rehabilitation CRF and \$2,500 to the Mower CRF.

The Funding Committee voted not to fund the Bridge Repair CRF since available funding seems to be adequate.

December 31, 2011 CRF balances for all Highway Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$ 90,648.59
Mower	\$ 8,415.41
Bridge Repair	\$ 24,036.88
Equipment	\$ 53,791.29
Road Rehabilitation	\$ 35,680.13
Bridge Replacement	\$ <u>73,696.54</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$286,268.84

### Fire Department:

The Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$25,000 to the Fire Truck CRF and \$10,000 to the Breathing Apparatus CRF.

At the recommendation of the Fire Chiefs the Funding Committee voted not to fund the Rescue Vehicle CRF since available funding seems to be adequate.

## 2011 ANALYSIS OF CRF MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS AND COMMITTEES

December 31, 2011 CRF balances for all Fire Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$132,034.63
Rescue Vehicle	\$ 22,425.53
Breathing Apparatus	\$ 20,017.89
Radios	\$ _____ .10

Cumulative Balance	\$174,478.15
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### Police Department:

During the 2011 calendar year the Police Department's Crown Vic was totaled in an automobile accident. Initially the 2007 Ford Expedition was scheduled for replacement in 2012. However, purchase of the replacement police cruiser created a need to utilize Capital Reserve funds which resulted in the next police cruiser rotation to be rescheduled to 2013.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$15,000 to the Police Cruiser CRF for the planned 2013 replacement of the Ford Expedition.

December 31, 2011 CRF balance for the Police Cruiser account is \$10,871.82.

### Utility Departments:

Due to the timing of a Water Department Capital Reserve Fund payment for work done in 2010, \$31,900 was paid during the 2011 calendar year for refurbishment of the water standpipe and water tank.

Likewise, 2011 costs for wiring, floor replacement, heater replacement and a flow sensor which totaled \$11,978 wasn't paid until January 2012 and should be deducted from the Water CRF balance below for an accurate assumption of Water Department CRF available.

Late in the 2011 calendar year the Sewer Commissioners received notice from the Town of Antrim of their intent to dredge the shared sewer lagoons sometime within the next eighteen to twenty-four months at an estimated gross cost ranging from \$300,000 to \$500,000. Since the Town of Bennington owns 25% of Antrim's Sewer Treatment Plant, our anticipated dredging cost will be \$75,000 to \$125,000.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$10,000 to the Water Department CRF and \$25,000 to the Sewer Department CRF.

December 31, 2011 CRF balances for the Utility Departments accounts are as follows:

Water	\$ 35,908.25
Sewer	\$ <u>55,076.87</u>

Cumulative Balance	\$ 90,985.12
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## 2011 ANALYSIS OF CRF MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS AND COMMITTEES

### Municipal Departments:

During the 2011 calendar year \$11,200 was expended from the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund for the replacement of the Fire Station's furnace.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$15,000 to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund.

Voters at the 2011 Town Meeting declined a \$10,000 appropriation to the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund. NHDOT has warned the Town that if funding is not available after town vote in March 2012 then they will rescind the existing \$596,000 Grant for Phase 2 of the Transportation Enhancement Project. After much consideration the Funding Committee voted not to seek a large appropriation under this Capital Reserve Fund but rather to raise and appropriate the required \$54,000 through *Warrant Article #6* with funds derived from taxation.

Voters at the 2011 Town Meeting declined a \$10,000 appropriation to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. A revaluation is mandated by the State for 2014 at an estimated cost of \$50,000. Due to the current state of the economy and the need to raise funds for the Bridge Replacement and Transportation Enhancement Project the Funding Committee voted not to request 2012 funding of the Revaluation CRF.

December 31, 2011 CRF balances for the Municipal Departments' accounts are as follows:

Revaluation	\$ 7,836.23
Town Buildings	\$ 17,895.29
Sidewalk Improvement	\$ <u>65,446.60</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$ 91,178.12

### Library Department:

During the 2011 calendar year \$2,739.45 was expended from the Library Capital Reserve Fund for three air conditioning units and obligations to fulfill Life Safety recommendations as put forth by the Joint Loss Management Committee.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$5,000 to the Library CRF.

December 31, 2011 CRF balance for the Library account is \$38,258.28

The cumulative balance of all Capital Reserve Funds as of December 31, 2011 is \$692,040.33.



## GEP DODGE LIBRARY

**2 Main Street ~ 7 School Street, Unit 204, Bennington, NH 03442 ~ 603-588-6585**

**<http://www.dodgelibrary.com> ~ and on Facebook**

**[dodgelibrary1@comcast.net](mailto:dodgelibrary1@comcast.net) or [dodgelibrary2@comcast.net](mailto:dodgelibrary2@comcast.net)**

After running into insurmountable problems regarding the lack of space for materials, programs and meetings, and the lack of accessibility into the Library building and the Library's facilities, the Library Trustees decided that this was the year to reprise the Building Committee. We have exceeded the capacity for this building to accommodate our patrons. We need to be able to provide a safe and accessible facility from which patrons can enjoy normal library activities and programs. The Trustees and new Building Committee volunteers have revisited the previous plans and work compiled by former Committees. They have also gathered data from area libraries sporting new additions. It is time for our patrons to have what patrons throughout New Hampshire already enjoy. If you have grant writing talents, fund raising talents, design talents, creative energy or just plain energy and want to have a better space for you and your community, please think of joining the Library's Building Committee!

With additional space the Library can provide a place to house the current materials collection with room to grow. There would be seating for readers, researchers, students, patrons in contemplation, and patrons accessing the Library's wireless service. There would be space for multiple computer work stations so patrons can access the internet, do word processing, printing, and checking the Library's online catalog. There would be a safe and separate area for small children to enjoy the Library and a space to hold their programs. The Summer Reading Program could be held indoors away from mosquitoes and inclement weather. Story times and book discussion groups for patrons of all ages could be held at the Library in an area away from patrons doing quiet work. There would be room for informational meetings, presentations, workshops, clubs, and organizations. There could be space for showing movies, and for programs such as Lego clubs, chess clubs, and instruction for crafts and hobbies. There would be display space to showcase Library materials and exhibits of arts and crafts, patron interest, local history memorabilia, and local accomplishments. There would be multiple handicap accessible entrances, aisles wide enough to accommodate a wheel chair, and a handicap accessible facility.

This year we enjoyed an uptick in Summer Reading Program participants, with 93 patrons! The 2011 national theme was *One World Many Stories* and our mascot was a whimsical elephant created by Debi Belcher and Laura Rice. We enjoyed a couple of field trips, had eight guest story time readers, and had singer song writer Steve Blunt kick-off the season with a performance at Pierce School in June. 2011's Summer Reading Program t-shirt was designed by fourth grader Eva Goodwin selected by five independent judges. Next year's Summer Reading Program theme is entitled *Dream Big, Read!* A theme about the night, the dark, space, and nocturnal animals and insects. Preparation has already begun!

Join us here at the Library for ongoing story times held on Monday mornings for children not yet in school, for our seasonal celebrations, and for the two youth book groups for grades four through eight. You can sign up for the Summer Reading Program and not just as a participant, but also as a guest reader. Stop in for special events and programs. We have printed fiction, nonfiction, and reference materials. We have periodicals, audio CDs, and movie and television DVDs. We have inter-library loan services, home-bound delivery service, Wi-Fi access, two public computers, IRS forms, a FAX machine, a black, white and color copier, a local history collection, and museum passes. Bennington patrons can enjoy a number of NH State Library

sponsored databases accessed from our website and with their patron number they can get FREE books in print for e-readers or audio books for MP3 players.

Thank you to all of our wonderful supporters and volunteers who every year outdo themselves with their generousities of donations, talent and labor.

**Come in and check us out! We have even more to offer than our four walls can contain!**

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie MacGregor, Director  
Melissa Searles, Assistant Director

Elisabeth Shingler, Trustee Chair  
Laurie MacKiegan, Trustee Treasurer  
Victoria Burnham, Trustee  
David McKenzie, Trustee Alternate

**GEP DODGE LIBRARY  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
2011**

BEGINING BALANCE \$ 576.08

INCOME

Book replacement	\$ 12.00	
Book Donations	\$ 21.86	
Book sale	\$ 311.65	
Copier	\$ 167.38	
Fax	\$ 49.50	
Gifts	\$ 135.55	
Summer Reading Program donations	\$ 450.00	
Program fees	\$ 51.00	
T-shirt sales	\$ 140.00	
Refund	\$ 35.16	
Overdue	\$ 77.64	
TOTAL INCOME	+	\$ 1451.74

EXPENSES

Library conference fees	\$ 295.00	
Dues and education	\$ 281.00	
Summer Reading Program T-shirts	\$ 751.70	
Museum passes	\$ 68.40	
Program supplies	\$ 36.00	
Postage	\$ 66.00	
Periodicals	\$ 60.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	-	<u>\$ 1558.10</u>
ENDING BALANCE		<u>\$ 469.72</u>



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

I have a few personnel items to report this year.

1. In January we hired Phil Marcellino as a part-time officer. Some of you will remember he worked as a full-time officer for the Town for 10 years before taking a job as a full-time officer with the Hillsborough Police Department. It is great to have him back.
2. Following Chris Parsons' vacancy in late 2010 we hired a new full-time officer in February. However, it did not work out and the officer resigned in March.
3. Throughout the spring we conducted another search for a full-time officer. In July we hired John Giffin who lives in Antrim. He attended the full-time Police Academy from August to November. By the time you read this he should be completed with field training and working on his own.
4. We are fortunate to still have Officers Dave Chenard and Nelson Ortega. Officer Chenard has been with the Department since 2000.
5. Dottie Zabriskie is still working as our Crossing Guard. She has been keeping the kids safe since 2001.

Because of the time involved in filling the full-time officer's position, each officer worked extra hours. I want to thank all of the part-time officers for assisting me by working extra shifts when requested.

Unfortunately in September we had an officer involved in a motor vehicle accident with the cruiser. The cruiser was totaled. I am happy to report that the officer and occupants of the second vehicle sustained only minor injuries.

Statistics for the year:

	2011	2010
Calls for Service	5735	5893
Arrests	168	224
Non-Criminal Calls for Service	2050	1729
Criminal Cases	430	463
Motor Vehicle Stops	2556	2801
Motor Vehicle Accidents	40	29

We cleared 378 of the 430 criminal cases. There are 52 cases not cleared and are still being worked which include: 43 thefts (36 from the Ski Area), 4 burglaries (two actually involved entry into a residence), 3 criminal mischief, 1 littering, and 1 injury to a dog.

Please watch your neighborhood and your property and report anything suspicious to the police.

I was asked to explain my salary. There are five components that make up my salary:

- Base Pay – Paid for through taxation
- Overtime – Paid for through taxation (which was high this year due to the number of hours put in due to staffing levels)

- Detail Pay – Paid for by the company requesting the detail officer (includes traffic control for construction details)
- Traffic Enforcement Grants – Paid for by State Highway Safety Agency
- Health Insurance Reimbursement – Paid for through taxation. This option is available to any full-time town employee who receives their insurance from another source. In 2011, the reimbursement was \$3,500 if the employee would have otherwise opted for a family plan through the Town.

I hope this explains my salary. If you have any questions please call me.

All officers are proud to be part of your Police Department. We are committed to providing professional and fair services in a courteous manner. We are working hard to keep Bennington a safe and enjoyable community in which to live and work.

On behalf of all Bennington officers – **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Campbell, Chief

## **FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

2011 was a good year for the Bennington Fire Department. Membership continues to grow – both in terms of number and in terms of knowledge. In 2011 we added three new EMTs and one current Firefighter has expanded his training and is now a Certified EMT as well. Additionally, another member is currently in Fire Fighter I training and is expected to be a certified Firefighter within the next few months. In all, we have added two certified firefighters and four EMTs this year.

Department training continues to be a priority. Members learn new techniques and practice and refresh their skills on a regular basis. Bennington Fire continues to maintain good mutual aid relationships with our surrounding towns and we continue to train monthly in conjunction with Greenfield Rescue and Antrim Fire. In 2011 all BFD members completed Incident Command System (ICS) training allowing the Department to become compliant with the stringent requirements of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a set of compliance standards for all Departments nationwide in the event of a major event.

In 2011 the Bennington Fire Department was awarded a grant under the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program which allowed us to purchase seven new air packs and ten custom-fit face masks. One major requirement that FEMA mandated in order for this grant to be awarded was that the Department be NIMS compliant. I am proud that the BFD members were able to complete their ICS training in a timely fashion (Chief's are required to take additional ICS trainings).

Most people in Town have probably already noticed the addition of the Smokey the Bear sign outside of the Fire Station. This past summer Department members constructed the sign which will indicate the Fire Danger each day. Members dedicated a large amount of time and effort into this project and we are certainly grateful for their efforts. A reminder to all residents – if you plan on burning brush piles please notify the Fire Department and obtain a permit if necessary.

Technological advancements continue to make their way into the Department. We have updated the Fire Department's web page and continue to update it often with new and current information. Another small advancement is that some fire/rescue calls are now being texted to members' cell phones in addition to being dispatched via pager.

In closing I once again would like to encourage anyone who might be interested in joining the Department to contact myself or any Department member for more information. There are many opportunities to serve within the Department and we welcome new members!

Respectfully Submitted,

Allan Wilson, Chief



**JOINT LOSS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**“SAFETY COMMITTEE”**

For three years now we have had a very pro-active Joint Loss Management Committee. The old name was the “Safety Committee”. The very active and involved members are: Melissa Searles – Vice-Chair, Kristie LaPlante, Gary Russell, Mike Roina, Mike Hoiriis, Lori Ricci, and myself. We also received a lot of support and guidance from Local Government Center (LGC) which is responsible for the Town’s property and liability insurance and PRIMEX which is responsible for Workers Compensation. I personally want to thank all members for their support and involvement in the Committee.

We had three job related injuries this year. One was a shoulder, neck and back injury sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Another involved a victim’s blood coming in contact with an open wound of a rescue member. The third was the result of an employee dropping an item on his foot causing minor injury.

In 2010 we completed inspections of all Town buildings to identify safety issues. Throughout 2011 we made great progress in continuing to remedy the deficiencies identified. The original list of 75 deficiencies has been trimmed down to 35 items. However, our Committee has a commitment to continuous improvement. We completed another inspection in 2011 that identified some new and recurring issues. Our Committee will continue to address housecleaning items and maintain a priority list of projects requiring construction or currently cost-prohibitive upgrades.

This is truly a top notch Committee. We work hard and are pro-active in making all necessary improvements in order to keep all employees and visitors safe and healthy.

On behalf of all the members – please be safe in your workplace.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Campbell, Chairman

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

By the time the calendar switched from 2010 to 2011 it was time for snow...and more snow...and it certainly kept us busy plowing and keeping the roads open, with very little break in temperature. The snow stayed light and fluffy and it was a job to try and keep the snow banks back while making room for the next storm. Spring came just in the nick of time to give us some rest.

2011 was a trying year personally and professionally for our Department. We welcomed Gary Langlois back to work early in the year after receiving treatment for his cancer. Unfortunately, Gary went back out on leave in the summer and then lost his fight with cancer in early fall. He was a good friend and a give-it-all worker. He will be missed for a long time to come.

We were able to finish the drainage on both sides of the roadway and pave the steep hill on Bible Hill Road. All that is left for projects on Bible Hill Road is the FEMA Grant box culvert and road improvements planned for the base of Bible Hill Road just shy of the North Bennington Road intersection.

We were also able to complete a substantial drainage project on Eaton Avenue. It started with a collapsed catch basin and when we were finished we installed new catch basins and replaced approximately 400 feet of culvert. It was the first project for our new employee Mike Roina, who has proven to be a great help with the Highway Department.

In between brush cutting, grading, and other routine summer work, we were able to dig out three frost heaves to help make the roads smoother.

I would like to thank the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections, PSNH, and those that helped fill in while Gary was out.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary S. Russell, Road Agent

## TRANSFER STATION

We would like to thank Ben Billings and Mike Tacy for doing an excellent job maintaining the facility and helping folks at the Transfer Station this year.

This year's Transfer Station revenues, between disposal of goods and recyclables, are approximately \$22,220. Bennington recycled 61.5 tons of paper with an environmental impact equivalent of saving 1,046 trees. Users also recycled 6,490 pounds of aluminum cans, conserving enough energy to run a television for the equivalent of 660,422 hours!

In 2011 the Center started a new tire recycling procedure. We now collect tires and put them into a tire recycling box trailer that holds approximately 400 tires. Now the tires are not sitting outside in the weather and are only handled once by our staff.

The Transfer Station has new hours of operation, effective February 1, 2012. We hope this will be more convenient for our users. The new hours are:

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (no change)  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Again in 2012, the Town will participate in the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal program at the Keene Solid Waste Facility off Route 12 North from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We have arranged for Bennington residents to dispose of their Household Hazardous Waste in Keene at no charge. The dates for the spring series are as follows:

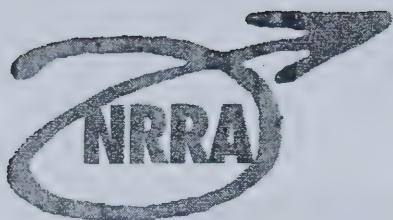
Saturday, March 24  
Wednesday, March 28  
Saturday, March 31  
Saturday, April 14  
Wednesday, April 18  
Saturday, April 28  
Saturday, May 5  
Wednesday, May 9  
Saturday, May 19  
Saturday, June 9  
Wednesday, June 13  
Saturday, June 23

Our continued thanks go out to the Transfer Station patrons and staff for helping to keep our facility clean.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Billings  
Joseph Cuddemi  
Gary Russell





*"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"*

Northeast Resource Recovery Association, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH 03234  
Telephone: (603) 736-4401 or 1-800-223-0150 Fax: (603) 736-4402  
E-mail: [info@nrna.net](mailto:info@nrna.net) Web Site: [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net)

## Town of Bennington, NH

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling cooperative, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

<b>Recyclable Material</b>	<b>Amount Recycled In 2011</b>	<b>Environmental Impact!</b> Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Aluminum Cans	6490 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 660,422 hours!
Paper	61.5 tons	Saved 1,046 trees!

## PLANNING BOARD

Again this year, as a reflection of our greater economy, the Planning Board experienced fewer applications. After several slow years there are some indicators on the horizon that we may be seeing some positive changes, but for now let me keep focused on the happenings of the past year.

Last March we asked voters, in a non-binding referendum, if you would support increasing the minimum size of a building requiring a building permit from our current one hundred square foot threshold to two hundred square feet, to coincide with State Law. We also asked what setback from a property line would be appropriate for such a structure. You overwhelmingly approved of the concept to increase the square footage requirements but the suggested setbacks varied greatly. We are currently working on a Warrant Article which we will have on the ballot for March 2013, to reflect your wishes and make the necessary Ordinance changes

Last year we permitted a home occupation as well as worked with residents to identify possible commercial uses of their property, dependent upon restrictions within their zone. We also acknowledged a lot merger and a lot separation. A property owner has the right to merge adjoining lots, which may reduce tax burden. Historically, many towns - including Bennington - involuntarily combined commonly owned non-conforming lots (lots with too small an area or inadequate road frontage to meet requirements within its zone) into one conforming lot. This year the State Legislature ruled that historic practice illegal and has ruled that adjoining lots that municipalities had combined without the owner's approval may be restored to their previous status upon the property owner's initiative. The Legislature has allowed a five year window for the property owner to correct this "forced merger." Please contact me or Town Hall for more information.

After extensive deliberation the Board approved new regulations for driveways and their aprons for future permits. The most discussed component of the regulations pertained to the width of the apron, where the private driveway meets the public roadway. In keeping with the rural character of our Town our initial response was to allow a narrower apron on smaller, narrower roads. Our thanks go to Mike Roina, representing the Fire Department, who by setting up a course of cones in a parking lot to simulate varying road and apron widths, was able to statistically demonstrate to us that just the opposite was needed. The narrower the road the wider the apron needed to be to efficiently and safely enter the driveway with fire or rescue equipment. With Mike's help we worked out a formula that balances roadway and driveway width.

I suppose many of you are curious about what is not being done at the former Highland Inn on Francestown Road. We all hoped that after approving the conversion of this property to vacation condos last year we would see some major improvements at the Highlander Vacation Condominiums. According to recent discussions with our Code Enforcement Officer Peter Hopkins, the developer has not corrected deficiencies within the required time frame and this building permit is now expired. It is understood that the old building permit will not be extended gain. Though the deed has been recorded to reflect the new combination of the lots and subsequent subdivision into condos, an occupancy permit will not be issued until a new building permit is applied for and all requirements have been met.

Part way through the year Melissa Stewart realized she had way too many things going on in her life and needed to step off the Board. She was a dedicated and valued member and, as a Town, we can only hope that she may be able to participate in the future. This year I'd like to

recognize two new Board members. Sue Smith was elected last March and was willing to take over the Vice Chair position vacated by Melissa. David McKenzie moved into our last vacancy and we express our appreciation to both of them. Unfortunately we are left with no alternates at this time. Alternates can participate in all discussions, take the pressure off regular Board members to have to attend all meetings, and can vote in the absence of a full Board. This would be an excellent time for one of you to join our Board as an alternate, learn something about what we do and how we go about doing it, so as to be ready when the next seat becomes available.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Rose, Chair

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### RESTORATION OF INVOLUNTARILY MERGED LOTS

Per RSA 674:39-aa, let this communication serve as notice that any lots or parcels that were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 shall, at the request of the owner, be restored to their premerger status.

The deadline for submitting the request to the governing body is December 30, 2016.



## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had a relatively quiet year, with just three cases: two of which were minor and one was more significant. The year began and ended with the same five dedicated members: Chris Clough, Sam Cohen, Peter Martel, Barbara Moorehead, and Steve Osienski, plus two alternates, Melissa Clark and John Paradise.

In March, we granted a request for a setback variance to allow an addition to a home in North Bennington.

In April, the Board of Selectmen reappointed ZBA members whose terms had expired.

For several months during the summer, the ZBA dealt with an Administrative Appeal in regard to the property commonly known as Highland Inn.

In August, we granted a Special Exception allowing the conversion of a small barn to a “guest cottage.”

ZBA members put in many hours on behalf of the Town, serving in a quasi-judicial capacity. The Board is often asked to review other officials’ decisions and to render our own decisions concerning the Zoning Ordinance and Building Codes. This often results in one party or another not being happy with our decisions. It can be an uncomfortable and even difficult position to be in, but one that is required if a Town has a Zoning Ordinance.

Collectively, the members of the ZBA contribute many additional hours to the Town, serving on the Planning Board, Budget, Energy, Facilities and Recreation Committees, and the Board of Selectmen.

It has been a pleasure to serve with the other members of the ZBA, even when we disagree. I have a great deal of respect, admiration and gratitude for their work, knowing they take their responsibilities seriously. They serve with integrity and respect for the individuals who come before them, doing their best to balance the intent of the Town Zoning Ordinance with the personal property rights of the applicants involved.

Again, we owe a special thank you to Deb Belcher, our Recording Secretary, who month after month puts up with our sometimes rambling and sometimes passionate deliberations, deciphering everything into coherent meeting minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Martel, Chair

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

This year has once again been a slow year for the building industry. No new residential homes were constructed this year but there were 28 other permits for decks, garages, and other additions and out-buildings.

At the State level, legislative changes now require that Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors be installed in all residences and must be located on each level and immediately outside sleeping areas. In addition, as of December 23, 2011, the State Fire Code has been updated to the 2009 issue of the NFPA Life Safety Code and the Uniform Fire Code.

As the Code Officer for the Town I am available to help you understand the Building Codes and Zoning requirements of the Town. My home phone is 547-3449 and cell phone is 582-9521. Please feel free to call anytime.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Hopkins, Code Enforcement Officer

## HUMAN SERVICES

In 2011 the Town of Bennington assisted 14 families, with the majority of aid directed towards rental assistance. I would like to remind residents that the Welfare budget is a taxation-based budget and, therefore, any assistance that is provided comes from local taxes. Before renting your home, it is important to thoroughly screen potential tenants for assurance that they can adequately care for your home and sustain the lease.

Local assistance is governed by statutory regulations. In accordance with NH RSA 165:1, "Whenever a person in any town is poor and unable to support himself, he shall be relieved and maintained by the overseers of public welfare of such town, whether or not he has residence there"...The purpose of local assistance is to provide interim *emergency assistance* for those in need during transitional times. Emergency assistance consists of life sustaining assistance (i.e. adequate housing, medical needs, heat and food); it is not a supplemental source of income.

Though communities are statutorily obligated to help residents who qualify for assistance, in accordance to NH RSA 165:19, families members are also statutorily obligated to assist family members. The municipality may request reimbursement to the municipality from family members if it is determined family members are/were able to assist their family member in need. Briefly, "The relation of any poor person in the line of father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, son, daughter, husband, or wife shall assist or maintain such person when in need of relief..."

This having been my first year as Bennington's Welfare Director, I cannot compare to years past, but I can determine that the economic times have had a significant impact on those who applied for assistance. When a person qualifies for assistance, I work with them to establish a future plan and to seek out other sources of assistance and do a job search.

I would like to thank the Peterborough Rotary, Bennington Board of Selectmen, Bennington staff and the St. Patrick's Church for the support and donations that were made during the holiday season; every family that received gifts in one way or another was very appreciative.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Davidson, Welfare Director



## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Odd numbered years are usually quiet for election officials, but 2011 had several extra duties which kept us on our toes.

During the spring and summer, the Supervisors completed the 10 year "purge" of the Voter Checklist. State Law mandates that we do this once every 10 years to keep the Checklist up-to-date. The Supervisors cannot take someone off the Checklist unless we know for certain that someone has passed away or that they have re-registered somewhere else. With the computerized Statewide Checklist it is easy to track voters who move within the state. But when voters move farther, sometimes the information does not reach us. The purge allows us to remove some voters who have not voted in a very long time. First we send out a letter to make sure they are not still living in Bennington. If we get no response from them, then we can remove them. So if you notice that we have fewer voters in Bennington this year than last, it is because the 10-year purge has just been completed.

This winter, the quadrennial scramble for the First-in-the-Nation Primary began. This always results in some uncertainty for us, as all of our pre-primary session and posting dates depend on when the Secretary of State finally sets the date for the Primary. The Presidential Primary was held January 10, 2012, which is earlier than four years ago, which resulted in a busy December for us.

Looking ahead, 2012 promises to be a busy year, with three elections still to come:

This year's Town Elections will be Tuesday, March 13th. The Polls will be open 8am – 7pm. Remember, we have Same-Day registration in New Hampshire. Bring a picture I.D. with proof of residence to register to vote at the polls.

September will bring us the State Primary in which the parties choose their candidates for the State House and Senate, Executive Council, Governor, and U.S. Congress (there will not be a U.S. Senate race this year)

In November comes the biggie: the General Election, in which the voters choose their members of the State House and Senate, Executive Council, Governor, U.S. Congress, and President of the United States.

Don't forget that the September election is a party election. It is actually two elections, in which the two major parties choose the candidates that they want to run in November. Remember to plan ahead for which party election you will participate in. If you are registered as an "Undeclared" voter when you come to vote in September, you can choose the ballot of either party. But if you are currently registered as a Democrat or a Republican, you must take the ballot of that party. The last day to change your party affiliation or to register as "Undeclared" so that you can choose later is Tuesday, June 5. The Supervisors will hold a session from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. that day. You may also visit the Town Clerk during open hours to change party affiliation prior to that date.

We still count votes by hand in Bennington and we welcome volunteers to help. Vote counting is an interesting and rewarding way to get involved with your community. Every vote will be counted and every vote counts! Paper ballots are still the best guarantee of free open elections, as they ensure a voter-verified paper trail. All are welcome to lend a hand on Election Day evening. Volunteer with the Town Moderator or Town Clerk if you would like to help either

during the day or in the evening.

Don't forget to visit the Bennington Elections web pages if you have questions about voting, elections, etc. In them you can find information about registering to vote, the Election schedule, absentee voting, previous years' election reports, links to State and Federal Elections sites, and more. Please visit us at: <http://benningtonelections.homestead.com/>

Respectfully Submitted,

Drusilla Cox  
Barbara Moorehead  
Victoria Turner

Supervisors of the Checklist

## **WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**

In 2011 the Water and Sewer Commissioners addressed several issues at the pump station on Bible Hill Road. After a complete evaluation of the building, the Commissioners voted to replace the cement floor in the older part of the building. This project also involved other work, including replacement of the piping below and above the floor. The floor and piping have been completed, and the Commissioners are very happy with the outcome of the work so far. This project is also going to include the installation of a variable speed drive. During this project our well was taken off line and the cross connection between Antrim and Bennington was used. Because the age and size of the existing gas unit heater were making needed repairs nearly impossible, the heater at the pump station was also replaced. The pump station projects should be finished by the middle of February 2012.

The Commissioners continue to flush mains and hydrants semi annually and have installed flow indicators for each hydrant. The Commissioners feel that we need to start looking into replacement of water mains throughout the Town, as most of the water mains currently in use date back to 1901. We have been very lucky to have not had many water main leaks, but as time goes on we feel we will be pressing our luck. Fortunately, the sewer system continues to run smoothly.

We have been told by our water system operator that we are going to be performing dredging of the lagoons sometime in 2013. The Commissioners have requested additional funds this year and plan to do the same in 2013 to fund this required project.

For 2012 the Commissioners plan to replace the roof at the pump station, along with installation of fencing for the standpipe area, and repair of fencing around the Starrett Road pump station. As always, we can be contacted either through the Town Hall, via email at [watersewer@townofbennington.com](mailto:watersewer@townofbennington.com) or visit us online at [www.benningtonnhwatersewer.webs.com](http://www.benningtonnhwatersewer.webs.com).

Respectfully Submitted

Glenn Wilson, Chair  
John Spanos  
Salvatore Landi



## WAPACK YOUTH ROBOTICS

In the fall of 2009, the Bennington Recreation Department began a relationship with the Wapack Youth Robotics 4H Club, to bring *FIRST* LEGO League (FLL) robotics to local youth. This program, one of several robotics programs initiated by Dean Kamen, inventor of the Segway, is geared toward Middle School students. A number of local students have participated over the last three seasons, competing in tournaments in Nashua and Hollis.

This past fall the FLL team, named Wapack BenRec, won two awards at the Daniel Webster *FIRST* LEGO League Tournament. One award was for the best Robot Design, which recognizes the team that designs and develops the most mechanically sound robot that is durable, efficient, and highly capable of performing the challenge missions. The second award was for Robot Performance, which recognizes the team that scored the most points during the Robot Game.

This winter, Wapack is sponsoring the second year of a *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) team. This is geared toward mature upper Middle School and High School students and involves higher level mechanical, electronics, and programming skills.

Last Year Wapack was given a grant to sponsor the first Northern New England *FIRST* Tech Challenge Championship. Following this very successful event, made possible due to the support of many local individuals and businesses, Wapack was asked to be the FTC Affiliate Partner for Northern New England, working to start new teams and help existing teams, providing even more opportunities for area youth. On March 10, 2012, Wapack will host the Second Annual Northern New England *FIRST* Tech Challenge Championship, again at Great Brook School in Antrim.

*FIRST* programs use robotics to encourage the development of science, technology, engineering, and math skills, but that they are also about learning to work together as a team, instilling *FIRST*'s core interpersonal values, the most important being "Gracious Professionalism" and "Cooperation".

This program is being brought to the town at no cost beyond a bit of photocopying and the use of the otherwise little-used upstairs at the Town Hall. Thank you for helping to make this possible. We are especially thankful for the support of the parents and involvement of the kids who make it all worthwhile. Feel free to come by any time to see what we are doing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Martel, Wapack Youth Robotics 4-H Club

## BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society is sorry to announce that we lost one of our charter members, Jean Cernota, in an automobile accident in Florida. Jean served for many years as Treasurer and/or Secretary-Treasurer. She was an active part of the many dinners put on by the Society in years past. Jean is survived by her husband Arnold, two children and two grandchildren. She will be sorely missed. A special memorial is planned to honor Jean's memory – this will be announced later in the year.

Our Society has had a busy year with several projects in various stages of completion. We have great emotional feelings about the closing of our beautiful Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in 2011. This little church was built in 1895 and it was considered one of the most beautiful and best kept in the State. Our third and fourth generation members worked very hard to preserve this institution only to have it come to a tragic end – the final Mass and closure was Sunday, June 26, 2011, presided over by Bishop John B. McCormack.

I am hoping that citizens of "our Town" will give a helping hand to our only surviving Bennington church, the Bennington Congregational Church. Even a small donation would help; Pastor Robert Ritchie will gladly accept any help in preserving this little gem of a church. In my thirty-fifth year of writing articles for the Town Report, this is the first time I have asked for a donation to a Town organization or building. The address is: Bennington Congregational Church, P.O. Box 19, Bennington, New Hampshire 03442, c/o Pastor Bob Ritchie.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank some of the people who have donated or lent photographs and supplied information to our History of Bennington Committee, including David and Stephanie Roper, Arnold Cernota, and David Glynn. We are still utilizing the treasure trove left to us by Georgietta Brown Bryer and also the collections of pictures and post cards owned by David Glynn and David Sysyn. We are hoping to complete the "new" Bennington History book in late 2012. We are also grateful for gifts from Richard and Linda Delay and the Taylor family.

One of our founding members is currently our oldest member. At 91 years old, Herb Flanders continues to support the Society. From his Bradenton Florida home, Herb presented David Glynn with a collection of trade cards of Masonic businesses and a citation given to him in 1988 by Governor Sununu. The award honored Herb as a citizen of the year and also included David A. Glynn, Georgietta Brown Bryer and Erving LeCain.

The Society made \$450 at their yard sale and we expect to have another one this year. Future projects include re-roofing our building as the roof is approaching thirty years of service.

The Board of the Bennington Historical Society wants to thank these members who have donated time to our organization's various projects: Linda Delay, Sandy Cleary, Catherine Conrey and Rhea Taylor. They are all so talented and willing to keep our museum in A-One shape and beautifully decorated for the various seasons. We are still in need of volunteers to open the museum on Saturdays.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David A. Glynn

## **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

The Bennington Energy Committee was formed in the fall of 2010 with the intent of helping the Town and its citizens save energy.

In 2011 our focus has been on getting low level energy audits of the Town's buildings - at no direct cost to the Town - via a grant through the Energy Technical Assistance and Planning for New Hampshire Communities program. This program helps towns in auditing their energy usage and results in recommendations and assistance in making changes and improvements needed for energy savings.

We began this process last year. After collecting data on the Town's energy usage, a walk-through audit of the Town's buildings was conducted in the fall. The ensuing report offered a series of suggestions for steps going forward, including both improvements and further evaluations. The coming year will be devoted to helping the Town implement those suggestions.

We appreciate the Town's and the Board of Selectmen's support of these efforts. A concern for the environment, reducing our dependence on others for energy, and simply saving taxpayer dollars is what drives our efforts. If you would like to join us, we would love to have your energy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Molly Eppig  
Peter Eppig  
Peter Martel  
David McKenzie, Chair



**PIERCE SCHOOL**  
Pamela Campbell M.Ed., Principal

**Looking back at the 2010-2011 School year**

Pierce School hosted 69 Bennington students last year. It is the center point for much of what goes on in the downtown area. Monthly free dinners are held in the Multi-Purpose Room. The Boy Scouts meet here monthly; Yoga and Jujitsu weekly, and Town meetings are held annually.

Last year Pierce School again hosted an afterschool literacy program in the computer lab referred to as "Computer Camp". Two-thirds of first through fourth graders attended twelve sessions. Parents and middle school students volunteered their time. For the third year in a row we hosted a summer program intent on preventing the loss of reading skills over the summer. It was well attended.

Pierce School met the standards on the State test for the 2010-11 school year! That means we made Adequate Yearly Progress as set out by the State of New Hampshire. The fourth graders that took the reading test scored 64% proficient or above and 57% proficient or above in math. The third graders that took the reading test scored 92% proficient or above and 93% proficient or above in math! The district-wide computer generated assessment known as NWEA-Maps showed second graders scoring 67% proficient in reading and 44% proficient in math.

There was a lot of growth in technology last year. All classrooms have a working "Smart Board". This adds a whole new dimension to teaching our new EnVision and Reading Street programs. Teachers also spent a considerable time in training learning the ins and outs of data collection and reporting out on it. It makes a big difference when planning instruction.

We were very proud to have completed our second year of daily Master Meetings at Pierce School, a scheduled time for teachers and support staff to meet and talk about the needs and concerns of our students. As a result of these meetings we were able to plan a lot of valuable professional development with the literacy coaches and the HILL. We also completed our second year of "the thirty-minute intervention". We call this program the "W.I.N." time, or What I Need. We also hosted an artist in residence and are proud to show off the efforts in the Multi-Purpose Room. It is a great line up of painted woodblocks that boast the fine qualities of Pierce School and the Town of Bennington.

Enrichment opportunities and community connections frequently tie together at Pierce School. We hosted our most successful Holiday Craft Fair ever in November 2011. It allowed for a lot of opportunities for students as well as the community. The Monadnock Paper Mill donated books on the history of Bennington to all the graduating fourth graders! The Historical Society hosted first and second graders for an afternoon of holiday carols, gifts and community contact. The Bennington General Store and the Common Place Eatery continue to support students with lessons in commerce. We have a great working relationship with the Dodge Library. Students visit the Library monthly, participate in summer programming and enjoy the visiting authors who come to school! It really is a win-win situation.

Pierce School is a great place to be. Pierce Pals are kind, safe and do the right thing.

**Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2011**

<u>Date of Ceremony</u>	<u>Name of Bride &amp; Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>
07/07/2011	Nicholas M. Campo Anne L. Aborn	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/13/2011	Daniel A. Trow Amber S. Bailey	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/14/2011	Thomas K. James Charlotte A. Russell	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/27/2011	Damon Beaudreau Nicole Brouillet	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
10/08/2011	Gregory R. Caisse Karen M. Langille	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
11/11/2011	Dana J. Robertson Catherine A. Roberts	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
12/17/2011	Christopher A. Myhaver Christine M. O'Brien	Hancock, NH Bennington, NH

I certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Debra Belcher, Town Clerk*

**Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2011**

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Father and Mother</u>
01/07/2011	Dominic John Mays	Keene, NH	Joseph Mays and Tonya Podsadowski
03/05/2011	Devyn Michael Nadeau	Peterborough, NH	Andre Nadeau and Lindsay Riccio
04/08/2011	Connor James MacFarlane	Concord, NH	Rory MacFarlane and Karen Clark
05/17/2011	Leandra Grace Blanchard	Peterborough, NH	Matthew and Arianah Blanchard
05/26/2011	Kalli Margaret Lyons	Peterborough, NH	Jacob Lyons and Erin Burke
07/18/2011	Carter Alan Seneschal	Concord, NH	Ryan Seneschal and Paige Davis
08/02/2011	Aiden Matthew Oleson	Peterborough, NH	Galen Oleson and Katherine Smullen
08/15/2011	Nicholas Scott Bartlett	Peterborough, NH	Benjamin and Karen Bartlett
08/19/2011	August Walden Burnham	Peterborough, NH	Christopher and Victoria Burnham
08/23/2011	Edward William Joseph Peery	Peterborough, NH	Trevor Peery and Stephanie Gaudet
08/24/2011	Isabelle Lynn Hardwick	Peterborough, NH	Joseph and Samantha Hardwick
09/25/2011	Knayah Josie Harding-Rogers	Peterborough, NH	Dustin Rogers and Julianna Harding-Rogers
12/17/2011	Scotty Wishart Benson	Manchester, NH	Justin and Amanda Benson
12/18/2011	Liam Patrick Greene	Peterborough, NH	Casey and Jacqueline Greene

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# Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2011

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
01/25/2011	Theodore Veale Sr.	Keene, NH	Thomas Veale	Dorcas Williams
02/19/2011	Charles Zabriskie Sr.	Hillsborough, NH	Albert Zabriskie	Mildred Holt
04/16/2011	Edna Armstrong	Concord, NH	John Armstrong	Alice Gammell
06/24/2011	Dorothy Crowley	Bennington, NH	Timothy Hushion	Irene Gensch
06/30/2011	Barbara Nay	Lebanon, NH	Donald Barden	Elsie Meister
07/01/2011	Tony Wolf	Merrimack, NH	Harold Legg	Theresa Wolf
07/07/2011	Justin Chicoine	Franeestown, NH	George Chicoine	Tori Seneschal
07/24/2011	Jessie Desrosiers	Bennington, NH	Arthur Cudworth	Maude Sharp
08/14/2011	Sophia Diemond	Peterborough, NH	Lawrence Pesarczyk	Theresa Jochym
09/09/2011	Gary Langlois	Peterborough, NH	Jacques Langlois	Ginette Lachance
11/30/2011	William Smith	Peterborough, NH	George Smith	Laura Lehman

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## **TOWN OF BENNINGTON**

### **TOWN OFFICE HOURS**

**588-2189**

Town Hall	Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tax Collector	Available during Town Hall office hours
Town Clerk	Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to noon
Welfare Director	By Appointment Only

### **MEETING SCHEDULES**

Cemetery Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. <i>at the VFW</i>
Energy Committee	First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Library Trustees	First Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. <i>at the Library</i>
Planning Board	Second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. – Work Session
Recreation Committee	As needed, with proper notice
Selectmen	Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
Trustees of Trust Funds	As needed, with proper notice
Water/Sewer Commissioners	Second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### **LIBRARY HOURS**

**588-6585**

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### **RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION HOURS**

**588-3407**

Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.





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